SHORT, Hopy b. 1748 m. James Green of N.Y. Oakland Port.
Short, Lucinda m. 1800? Isaac Bishop of N.Y. Macomb Hist
Short, Naomi m. 1800? John Norton of N.Y & Mich; d. 1825 Kent, Oakland Bcoy, Oakland Hist.

Root, Daniel set N.Y.; 1815, Mich.; 1835 Jackson Hist.
Root Joan b. Stockbridge 1780; m. 1803 Stephen Ingersoll of N.Y. and Mich. Lenawee Hist, Lenawee Port.
Root, Mary. m. 1820? Silas Pierce of N.Y. Grand Rapids City
Root, Pliny b. Ludlow 1785; set. N.Y. Mich Jackson Hist.
Root, Timothy b. 1760 set. Mich. Jackson Hist
Root William b. Ludlow 1816, set. N.Y, Mich 1836- Jackson Hist.

There is another group of books called the Dictionary of American Biography - lots of Roots in book PLATT to SEWARd. They are reference books in our public library, and have alot of Genealogical information on the man & his parents including mothers maiden names, but there arent any of the exact ones we seem to have information on.

nice letter, saying he didnt think were related. Although he may be back further. I had so hoped as he is 94 and his sister is 90 and she is sharp & alert. But now I think he may be able to help as I just reread his letter goodie. This is his exact letter - "Mrs Rautanen, Received your nice letter and will say I don't think I can help you much. My parents whose names are as follows. Symon Persy Root and Fannie Palmer Root came to Minnesota over 100 years ago from Ripon. Wisc. and we were a large family and all are gone but one sister who is 90 and myself 94. My parents were from New York state so I don't think we are Related to the Roots you mention. I sure would be glad to help you, but any of the Root names you mention just don't ring as I never heard my parents mention them I will ask my sister if she would happen to hear our mother mention any of them. My sister is the youngest of the family and we have lived in Minnesota all our lives." Very Resp - Frank A. Root.

Well now if that info. doesn't fit John S. Root - and his son Simon on your record I'll eat my hat. The time period, name & state is exact. He's going to get another letter today, I'll write you as soon as I get anything.

EXCERPTS from a book called "Pioneers from Mass. to the West." by Flagg. Information was gleened from Co. Histories might be useful to you - Will give you the pages & exact history if you want.

ARNold, George b. 1812 settled Mich 1835 Berrien Port

ARNold, Henry b. Sheffield 1807 set. Ohio 1828 Mich 1835 Coos. Trent

ARNold. Phebe b. Norton 1796 m. 1812 Turner Crane of N. H, N. Y. & Mich Hillsdale Port, Lenawee Hist, Lenawee Illus & Lenawee Port.

Hunt, Alfred H settled N. Y. 1835 Kent Co. publication
Hunt, Lorano b. New Salem 1795; m. Levi Davis of N. Y. Branch Port.
Hunt, Lucy A. of Braintree m. 1851 Lebeus Gardner of Mich - Jackson Hist
Hunt, Nathan set. N. Y. 1800? Ionia Port
Hunt, Ruth S. b. Salem 1829 m. 1851 John Kirby of Mich Lenawee Illus
Hunt, Theophilus C. b. Holliston 1809 set. Canada, Mich 1859 - Mecosta

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October 31, 1977

Dear Phyllis,

I read your query in the O.G.S. newsletter.

I have a Lorenzo Dow Root b. ca. 1861-1862 in Ohio. He was probably born in Ottawa Co., but there is not a Probate record of it.

He married Emma_____. She was also married to ___Daniels, but I do not know whether it was before or after Lorenzo.

The children for Emma and Lorenzo that I have listed are: Bert; Mary Elizabeth m.____Kennedy; John and Jimmie.

Lorenzo's father was Vandosto Sprague Root b. ca 1810 in N.Y. He married 2nd. Esther Short (Stolz), and she was Lorenzo's mother.

I have conflicting records, but Vandostosfathered somewhere around 20 children.

In 1880, Vandosto S. Root, his wife and his younger children moved to Osceola Co. Mi. V.S. died there 6 Apr. 1906 and Esther d. there 23 Dec. 1904.

Lorenzo is not my direct lineage, he is a brother to my great-grandmother. I have quite a bit of information on many of the children of this family.

If this seems like the correct Lorenzo, feel free to write and ask questions and maybe I have the answers.

Incidentaly, Vandosto was suppose to have a brother Lorenzo, but I have not varified this yet. Vandostos father, John, is buried in Ottawa Co., but I have no record of his mother.

Sincerely,

Mrs. David J. Read

Nov. 26, 1977
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Dear Helen,

Please forgive me for not writing sooner. I have been extremely busy lately, and haven't found time to sit down and look through my notes and compile them. I have'n't much access to reference material here in this small town, so what I get takes time and alot of letter writing. 3 of my children have colds and I haven't had much time for hobbies. My oldest son Billy Jr. is 10 (b. Oct 27, 1967) and in 5th grade. Marla Jean is 6 (b. May 30, 1971) and she is in 1st grade. Travis Allen, my 4 year old son is my buddy when the others are in school (b. June 16, 19[illegible]. Amber Lynne is my tiny little girl age 2, (b. August 25, 1975) and our baby is Ginger Leigh b. Feb. 19, 1977 with blond hair & blue eyes. As you can see I can be busy.

I'll include a copy of my husband's lineage on down from Lorenzo for you. Our name is Rautanen as you can see, my husband was adopted by his step-father and his name changed from Herrala to Rautanen. Also if you notice on his fathers side his great-grandfathers name is different. My husbands father is Finnish, and one of the customs in Finland is to take the name of the family at whose house the young couple live after marriage. For example. If you married your husband in Finland and you lived with your parents your last name would not be Read but your maidenname. I got a letter from a Parish in Finland and it had alot of info. on it and I had it translated by a Finish minister in town. Can you imagine trying to trace a line very far in Finland with the names switching back and forth!

You asked if I had anything more on Roda Ann Arnold - Well No! not so far unfortunately. I got that information off of Emma Jane Daniels death record and it only stated that her parents were Pete Baker b. New York State & Roda Ann Arnold b. New York state. The only other clue is the Birthplace of Emma - Martin, Ohio. But I can't find it on my atlas - if I knew where it was I could try to go the Census route. If you ever find an old atlas would you let me know what you find? I tried to find Pete Baker on the 1880 census when I borrowed it, but that Census was one mess I thought. faded - water - marked taped etc. I would appreciate any info you have on Roda A. Arnold

I will put additional information on these sheets for you to add to yours. The information is from living relatives & vital records.

LORENZO Dow Root - deserted the family when the children were small. I've checked the years 1897-1917.!! for a divorce record because she remarried and even in those days they had to obtain a divorce unless he died and I don't know if he died. It costs so much to search statewide that I'll have to wait until you or something else can tell me what happened to him. or someone

Emma Jane Baker was married before to a — Mallery had 1 child Roy Mallery who died young.

Lorenzo & Enima's children were

1. Albert, married to Della ——, she is buried in Rexton, Mi. Rapk They had no children.

2. Mary Elizabeth (Mae) m. Frank Armstrong (b. 1869 in Ohio) on April 1, 1904 Kalakaska Co. She must have married Kennedy later (her daughter was Martha) now married to Vic Carroll (used to be Martha Wilder) her son is Bob Edwards - indicating she was married 3 times.

3. John William married first to Alice Teal (she (2 children). was 33 years old & married 2 times before) at the time of her marriage to John on March 8, 1915 Kalakaska. She was still living a few years ago, I hear anyway!) John married Martha —— (she was married so many times no one seems to know her maiden name) approx 1946, but they only lived together a few mths. The children of John & his 2nd wife Mona were & are.

1. Emma Pearl b. Jan 14, 1922 d. Jan 1, 1924 in Munising
*2. Eva Marie b. Dec 18, 1923 m. Arne Herrala in 1941. Mona died in childbirth. m. 2nd. Arnie Rantanen Nov. 25, 1944. Manistique
3. Evelyn May b. Dec 18, 1924 in Munising m. 1st. George Higby. m. 2nd. Leonard Syers (b. Jan 20, 1915).
4. James Root b. July 4, 1926 (born dead).
5. John Wesley b. March 23, 1928 d. May 24, 1928
6. Mary (twins) b. March 23, 1928 born dead
7. Audrey Jane b. May 11, 1930 m. Joseph Massey (b. March 2, 1925)
8. Rhoda Marguerite b. Sept 4, 1931 m. Ellen Soles (b. March 23, 1913)
9. Wesley Grant b. April 24, 1934
10. Clayton William b. Aug 15, 1935 m. March 2, 1957 to Marie Victoria White (changed from White duck) b.

4. James b. 1890 d. Feb. 10, 1908 Killed as he tried to jump from an elevator.

have these records which do fit in some cases, but not st exactly in others. Some are the right area & time period though.

Alva Root

Birth Wexford Co. of a female named Cora Root b. Aug 23, 1889 dau of Alva Root. B.P Ohio residence Cadillac, wife Cora.

Might fit Alvah Root & Rebecca Smith's line

death-wexford Co. of Root, Melvin stillborn May 1, 1920 parents Melvin Root, Bessie Miller

(2) death Wexford Co. Josephine Root married 38yr 9m 20d. May 2, 1924 Parents Martin Miller-B.P. Penn & Angeline Show-Unknown B.P. May fit Edward Madison Root

(3) Might fit Alvah Root's line.
death Wexford Co. Ruth Mareline Root on Feb 13, 1926 13yr 16d of endocarditis dau of Albert Root, Pansy Mooney.

(4) Vandosto JR.
Birth Osceola Co. Maybell Root dau of Vandosto & Anna Kate Root Nov. 9, 1882 (Maybe the Mabel on your record)

(5) Simon B. Root
Birth-Osceola Co. Otis Evan-Dec 25, 1882 parents Simon B & Elizabeth Ann Root

(6) Edward Root
death-Osceola Co. Arthur Raymond Root 1yr 6m 7d. Nov. 30, 1903 pneumonia
Son of Edward Root-B.P. Ohio Francis Root-B.P. Indiana

(7) Wesley Dan Root prob. Wexford.
Marriage (NOT sure what Co.) Oct 15, 1889

	Residence	B.P.
Wesley Root age 23	Wexford Co.	Ottawa Co. Ohio
Lena Cooper age 15	Osceola Co.	Osceola Co. Mich

His parents Vandosto Root & Eliz. Short
Her " A.D. Cooper & unknown

I was given 2 names from Lorenzo's grand daughter Martha Carroll - supposedly on the Baker side. Well I wrote to them both and received 1 reply from Mrs. Juelletta B. Mark of Wyoming, Mich. She is Wesley Dan & Lucy Mae (Cooper) Root's daughter! Lucky turn of events! Erroneous information can turn out good sometimes). She had a stroke about 2 yrs ago & hasn't been able to see good since, but I will write her a "sweet" letter today to see if I can get more info and will pass it on to you. She says her father was a brother to Lorenzo and "now non of us know what ever happened to him & haven't for years." I noticed you didn't have Juelletta on the list of Wesley's children. She mentions her sisters Elma Pikaart of Hesperia, Mich & in winter Florida.

The other name I was given & wrote to was Zilma Van Sloaten of Cadillac supposedly Juelletta's sister. will find out more this week hopefully.

I just reread a letter from a girl from Cadillac, Mich. My husbands 1st cousin (from the Root side) had taken names from a phone book & I picked the oddest name & wrote to them) Anyway I received a very nice letter from her - she was married to a young man who died in a car accident in 1976. So she took the papers I had sent to her father-in-law and he filled it in. Her father-in-law is Irvin Root b. 1916 - his father was Sanford Root b. 8-8-1893 in Ohio and m. June 1913 and died Nov. 1968 in Pontiac, Mich. Seems like he couldve been Alvah Root's son.
Anyway she also talked to a cousin of her father-in-law who was a Root, and the woman said she remembered Lorenzo and that he lived with her. She also mentioned the Annual Root reunion held in Aug. this year. Well I followed up and wrote her right back - I waited a month for a reply - no answer - so I wrote again in Sept. no answer - and that sounded like a gorgeous lead. I was just sick about not getting an answer - but will try again with the added info you gave me.

Another desperate try before you wrote - I took the name & address of a man out of the GRIT - a national newspaper. The article was on his general store etc. He wrote back and sent a real

We have gotten so much snow lately, but its later than last years heavy snowfall. I hope this letter has been some hope and/or help to you. I also hope you can make it out.

Have you tried writing to Osceola Co for Vandosto Root & his wifes records? I will try that today, as it seems impossible they werent recorded when the county records go back so far.

Well I must close and do some work before my husband comes home from deer hunting. I will also send a geneology sheet with my family names - alot of them were from Ohio & the midwest, my mothers side can be traced to the 1600's in some cases & my dads is really hard to trace.

Bye for now - do hope to hear from you soon. I promise to write sooner next time.

a fellow tree climber Phyllis Rautanen.

I had to write free-hand as my typewriter sticks often.

a letter from him and he said the snow piled & blew up to the top of his trailer house-door, and he luckily got out the back to get the shovel. He went to Toledo to escape the winters up here. I'm afraid he didn't go far enough south! If the weather permits he will be back here in April. He has lots of old friends in Toledo, as he used to work on the boats out of Toledo. Do you remember the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald about a year ago in Lake Superior? He used to be on that boat about 17 years. He left because of ill health about a year before it sunk with a 11 hands on board. He has an old life-preserver from it on the eave of his cabin up here. He knew most of the men that went down on it. He gave us a copy of a new book out on the ship, that was published in Dec.

I am also sending you a carbon copy of the ancestor tables I have made up for me & my husband. I think I did it right. My one big downfall is that I never took bookeeping in high school. Because I went to college, they had us take academic courses instead.

I also notice that both you & your husband have Smith's in your family trees. The one and only extended family history I own is the SMITH family. They go back to 1601. The lady who compiled it is now dead, and didn't footnote it, but it is quite good. Unfortunately, whoever mailed copies to all the relatives after shedied had good intentions, but mimeographed it and parts are very hard to read. The places of residences for the family were Hadley, Mass; Watertown, Mass;Hartford, Conn; Granby, Conn?; Brattleboro, Vt; Litchfield, Medina Co, Ohio;Chenango Co, N.Y.;Erie Co, Pa; Green Twp.; Richland Co, Ohio,Ashtabula Twp.and then on to Iowa & Nebraska.

I also notice the name CHANDLER in your husband's table. I have arefernce to that name in the SMITH geneology. A brother of my ancestor Seth Smith #204, was a Israel Smith, who married a ABIGAIL CHANDLER in 1761. She was a daughter of Isaac & Abigail (Hale) Chandler of Enfield, Conn. She was born Sept. 11, 1741 in Enfield. Their grandson was President Hayes.

Well enough of this. IT's saturaday and I've got alot of things to get done today. It's starting to snow again, so I suppose we are going to be in for another storm. It seems like we get one every week-end.

Hope to have more news later. By the way notice the # 817 name on my table!

Write soon.

Phyllis

By the way my husband's first cousin has a very good small (booklet form) geneology on the SHATTUCK family. It was compiled by a mormon, and is filled with references. I will borrow it & send it to you to read & return if you like. It luckily names the women, something most geneologies omit unfortunately. Let me know if you would like to see it. I believe it might go to the 1500 or 1600's.

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Nov. 3, 1977

Dear Mrs. Read,

I first of all want to thank you for taking the time to help another geneology bug. In the short time I have been actually doing research, I have found few people who have been willing to help. I do wish I can help you in some way in the future. I am a young housewife with 5 small children and do geneology for a hobby in my spare time. I am very limited in the field of resource material, because I live in a small town, but hope I can be of some help to you in exchange for your help.

The Lorenzo Dow Root is the same one I am looking for!!! He is my husband's great-grandfather. I have had no end of troubles finding out more on him. Your letter contained alot of good information in it to help me. I never knew he was born in Ottawa co. until your letter, but have sent for the census of that county on another clue I had. I have the record of his marriage to Emma Jane Baker (dau. of Peter Baker & Roda Ann Arnald), it listed his birth as being 1861. She had been married to a ? Mallery before that marriage, and to Henry Daniels after the marriage to Lorenzo. She apparently had 1 child, Roy Mallery by the first husband, but the child died when he was small. The other children she had were by Lorenzo. They were Albert (Bert) b. Sept. 28, 1885 d. June 23, 1951., Mary Elizabeth (Mae) b. April 24, 1887 married Kenedy & Frank Armstrong, John William b. June 19, 1888 d. 1956., & James b. 1890 d. Feb. 10, 1908. I have never heard of the Jimmie you mentioned.

I never knew who Lorenzo's father was until I looked at the 1880 census for Osceola Co. and it listed Vandosto S. age 70, Esther age 52, Lorenzo age 18, Alva age 16, Donadd W. age 14, Ulysses Grant age 12, & Edward M. age 10.

I have many more bits and pieces of information on many other Roots taken from courthouse records down state. Also on the 1880 census was a Vandosto Root age 23, & his wife Anna age 20. and a Lorenzo Root, a brother in the household of Joseph M. Root --Lorenzo being 18 & Joseph 29.

I noticed on the 1880 census record no mention of a girl. You said your great-grandmother was a sister to Lorenzo. I would surely like any information you have on this family, as I'm sure now that we connect. You mentioned the mother's name was Esther Short(stolz) was she married before and which one of those are her maiden name?

The big question I haven't found an answer to as yet is this. Where did Lorenzo die and did he marry again? All the family information I have is that he deserted his wife when the children were young and the family never heard from him again. If you have any leads on this please let me know. I did something I rarely do and is pay for information, I paid over $10.00 looking for a divorce record for the years I thought might produce it (through the state of Mich. files) and received nothing. Seeing as how she married again I thought it was a good try.

My mother's side has been traced back to the 1600's and I have been doing some further work on that and verifing many things. My husband and father always seemed a little disinterested, so I thought I would try and look into their trees. I am quite pleased with myself in knowing how much I tried and how many letters I have written. I have traced one branch of my husband back to 1810 so far, but the Ripley side and the Root side have gotten me crawling the walls. I have written more letters to people down state concerning the Roots and nobody will return my letters and if they do they say they are not related. I have found many people just not as interested as me. I plan on putting together what I have and using the information as part of my Christmas presents.

If there are any names or anything you might want help on please let me know as I have a little more information in my files.

You said if I had any questions to please ask. Of course, I want to know what became of Lorenzo if you have that-his family hasn't known for 87 years!! I would like to know what Vandosto's first wife's name was, and the other children. I would also like to have any information from Vandosto on back if you don't mind. The John Root, son of Lorenzo was my husband's grandfather. I know most of the information I would like on the children of Lorenzo & Emma Root, at least at this time. I have written to a lady in Cadillac, Mich, who is a daughter of Mary Elizabeth, but she is in the process of moving and really is not the least bit interested right now. Albert had no children & John died young in an elevator accident and didn't have any children. James

If you would like to know the names & dates of the children of John, I will be more than glad to send them. Anything you feel will help me or that I can use will be more than appreciated. I will be glad to pay for the xeroxing of information if it doesn't come to too much. I will enclose some stamps for your use.

I hope you don't feel I am asking too much, but I would certainly appreciate your help in this matter. I hate to duplicate your efforts and would like to continue going back further from where you left off sort of. Maybe we can use our contacts to help each other farther back than Vandosto. It did state on the 1880 census that his father was born in N.Y. and his mother in Conn.

I do hope to hear from you in the futbre. Thanks again for taking the time to answer my ad. Do you know that I have not received the O.G.S. newsletter as yet ? So I didn't know if they had published my query.

Hope you are enjoying this nice fall weather. No snow here a s yet, but will proba bly get some this week. By the way my typewriter is on the blink again and sticks, so please excuse the mistakes.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Rautanen

I just reread this letter and it seems a little confusing. I guess I'd like anything concerning Lorenzo's brothers & sisters and farther back. By the way do you know what nationality Vandosto Root & his wife were? Some of the names I've run into are quite odd, and indicate some sort of nationality other than English. Also do you know if Vandosto was in the civil war? I certainly would like to have more information than just dates & places when I'm through. He is listed as a farmer on the 1880 census & had a broken leg at the time. You state his death as 1906 - he was 96! I will send for his wife's & his death record now that I have their death dates. Were their deaths in Mich? I would send for his civil war record then!

P.S. on Lorenzo & Emma's marriage record it stated that Vandosto S. Root was the Justice of the Peace & Ester Root & Ulysses Root were witnesses! (Thats how I got the connection to

Some of the Roots I have information on are.

Eagar Root age 19 (1888) marriage
John H Root age 26 (1915) "
Lloyd Root age 23 (1901) "
Mary E. Root age 16 (1904) "
Orlando Root age 20 (1904) "
Max Root age 22 (1934) "
Dulfert Root age 23 (1934
Lorenzo Root age 23 (1884)
Clark E. Root age 26 (1888)
Huslin Root 29 - (1887)
Carrie Root - 20 - (1887)
Wesley Root - 23 - (1889) - father Vandosto Root
George Root - 22 (1890) Another - ~~A. D. Carrier~~ Elig Short
Wm. Root - 24 - (1897)

Deaths

Lockwood Root - 1892
James Root - 1908
Margaret Root - b. 1881 d. 1910
(wife of Wm. E Root)
John a Root 1951 - 1976
Arthur Raymond Root - 1903
Cora Root - 1889
Sarah A Root - 1879 (married) parents Warren + Sarah Strahar
(age 42)
George F. Root - (1911) age 28
Milo Matthew Root - (1913 & 1 yr)
Josephine Root - 1917 (9 mths
Melvin Root - 1920 (stillborn
Ruth Marline Root - 1926 (13 yr).
Josephine Root - married 38 yr - 1927

Births

Willard L. Root - 1889
Maybell Root - 1882
Otis Evan - 1882
John H. Root - 1888
Cora Root - 1889
Sarah Annette Root - 1876
Elijah Root - 1873
Mary E Root - 1887
Justice L. Root - 1882

Listed as parents on some records

Alvin Root
Lockwood Root
Calvin Root
L. L. Root
Laran Root
Noble Root
Vandosto Root
Vandosto + (Anna Kate Roo
Senion B Root
Edward Root
A. W. Root
Alva Root
Joseph Root
James E. Root
? H Mac Root
(W. Josephine)
? Huslen Root
J. W. Root
William Root
C. H. Root
? JJ Root.
Edward Root
Melvin Root

As you can see some of it now fits my tree and some may fit in the future - but if you need any of the above - just let me know - my husband's first cousin got alot of this out of the court-houses in Osceola, Wexford, Kalakaska, Lake & Clare Co's in Mich.

January / 197[illegible]

Dear Helen,

Sorry it has taken me so long to respond to your letter, but I have been busy doing alot-unfortunately not anything I like especially.

We went to visit my sister in Mackinaw City, Mich for New Year's & while we were gone a piece of wood smoldered in our wood stove and the smoke backed up into our house and filled the whole house!! The chimney wasn't blocke d, but did have some creasole in it, and apparently a downdraft was created or something anyway the smoke forgot which direction to go. My mother checked the house the day after we left and found it just blue in here, she couldn't see any fire(there wasn't any) so my dad co me down and they aired it out and did the best they could. There were dirty walls and ceilings in the frontroom especially, and smoke smell in everything in the house. We have our ceilings sprayed with a textured paint and glitter sprayed over that so they were impossible to wash, so we had to have them all resprayed. So, I have been washing walls, woodwork, curtains bedspreads, clothes et c. and pa inting walls for the last week. I still have 1 closet full of clothes to wash, I thought they never got anything on them, but they certainly do, they smell like a great big ham. We had insurance to cover it and are waiting for the check to come-they would've paid for someone to come in and do all the work, but I figured I could use the money as well as anyone else so I did the work, which was terrible time consuming, but I figured I had to be here anyway so I might as well. Besides what "Genie Bug" couldn't use a few bucks?

Unfortunately, because of the smoke thing I haven't been able to do much on the geneology thing. I know you will understand. But I did get 1 thing back in the mail, and unfortunately they do not give much and they conflict with both the information you have gathered and what I have gotten off of the census records. I believe we are right, but I'll let you decide-what I'll do is include the 2 certified copies of death in this letter, and ask that you return them in your next letter, O.K.? They cost me $4.00, and I know that you also want the information off of them and verification of where the records were. So to avoid having to send for them yourself -here they are.

Now I would like to ask you a couple of questions, not because I think you are wrong, but to have the information down in my family history in the event that I need to check back or someone in the family wants to eventually look at the material. I know you must have done extensive research and if you do not want to answer some questions, I will understand. Where did you originally find out about Oliver Short and John Root? Where did you get birth and death information on him? (From the tombstone?) Do you know if Esther Short's first husband died or did she divorce him? Also do you have the names of the 2 children she had by him? According to the obit. she had 2 children by him, who would have gone by the name of Stolz. When I wrote for the death records I also asked if they had a will for either Vandosto or Esther and they completely ignored my question, so if you want to try it good luck- if you just asked for tha t record and wrote to probate court maybe they would answer your letter. I also asked if there was no will if there was anything filed intestate, without a will. My grea t-grandmother died without a will and her file was in the vault in Manistique, Mich and had numerous pages in it filled with lots of goodies and also had survivors and addresses and that was in 1907. Her 3rd husband also had 1 filed in 1920 and it listed my grandfather as a stepchild plus address. So considering he was fairly well known and owned land and his age it seems unlikely smething couldn't be found. If you decide to try and find it and the cost if fairly high, I will split it with you. One of the reasons I would like it is it may list Lorenzo. If you notice on Esther's obit. it listed 9 of the 13 children were then living in 1904, if we could somehow find the death dates of enough of them it could prove when Lorenzo lived or if he had to have died before 1904. By the way I have never received an answer from either of the women I have written to.

I have one more address I can write to. It's a first cousin of my mother-in-law and I have written here before, but she moved to Florida and had shipped most of her belongings there ahead of her and didn't have the "Bible" with things written in it. I hope to reestablish contact with here, as that is my best lead on the Baker name. Lorenzo's ex-wife Emma lived near this woman until she died, and Emma's parents were the Pete Baker and Roda Ann Arnold. I will try to get a letter written to her today.

I'm really envious of your ability to get into all those reference books. Our little library in town doesn't even have the Alger county history book! I have tried through Mich. State Library to borrow certain reference books and county histories and they will not lend them-so as you see I am pretty much limited to letter writing and census records. I still haven't gotten the Ottawa county census yet. Then I had 2 come in and they had to be returned the 11th of this month and we were "stormed" in for 2 days and so I couldn't get to the library. We have had approx. 125 inches of snow so far this year. Monday and Tuesday schools and roads were blocked and in the country about 6 miles from here they were blocked for 3 days and this county can usually handle anything. We have a 4-wheel drive so we were lucky. My husband was a "cab" for others for 2 days. Then I served on an election board Monday and it was just white outside, cars stuck and abandoned all over and numerous fender-benders, but my husband was able to come and get some of us home. He had a guy come with him to help him see(with his head out the window!!)

I will certainly use some of the information on Baker's you included in your letter when I write to that woman and when I search the census. The map you included was very interesting, my husband really enjoyed looking at it, of course he's on the Root side too. Did you ever check to see if John Root left a will?

By the way what Geneology socities are you a member of? So far I have only joined the Ohio Geneology Society. I have to look into the benefits of them before I ever join. I got an invitation from 1 in Pa. once for $15.00, with no benefits even queries, just a quarterly.' A bit to rich for my pocket. I got an interesting 1 from Conn. for $18.00, with all sorts of benefits including queries, ancestor files, newsletters, quarterlies and a huge membership- from now until 1979, May I think. With all back issues to 1977, May. Sounds really good, as it averages out to 9 dollars a year. I just don't have the funds right now for that though. We just might have to try something like that if we can't find something within the state we want to search.

If you find that the library carries a book called the Complete Peerage please let me know, as I tried to get it through Mich State and couldn't. I need it for one of my family lines and have been unable to go any further one that line so far.

I also have excerpts from a set of books called The Dictionary of American Biogray , found in our little library- in the book PLATT to SEWARD it gives alot of Roots- now none of them maybe ours, but at the end it listed this— J.P.Root, Root Genal. Records. (1870) No publishing company as I recall, at least I never copied it. If Ft. Wayne has such a good library they may have it and it might prove to be good. You could try that.

Another woman in town here is searching her side and is as cheap as me, so what we do is Join a society and put in each other's queries and use our own addresses-I've put some of here things in the Ohio one and she will be puting mine in the Mich. one.

Well I must go andchange the baby's diaper and get those other letters out while I have the other little ones interested in Sesame Street. I never get much done on the weekends with my older ones home and also my husband. So I try to do as much as I can while they are in school. I will try eventually to send you a picture of our family- I didn't turn the film all the way on our Christmas pictures and many didn't turn out, except for the ones my husband took. Thank you for sending me the pictures of your sons, they are beautiful pictures to look at. They are very handsome sons. You never mentioned in your letter whether you wanted me to keep them, so I will return them in this letter.

What does your oldest do now that he has graduated?
If I ever hear of the Root reunion again I certainly will let you know, but from the lack of response I am getting from those people down there don't count on it.

I may try to write to Mich. state and ask again about certain county histories and that Root book. Unfortunately, my husband's first cousin with whom I share a geneology interest has just about blown it asking for so much stuff through the library here. Last time she sent for 20 odd census records in 1 crack and 5 type written page of other things, plus she borrowed newspapers on microfilm, copied what she wanted, then had the gull to sent them back and ask them to photostat what she already had as she sorta had wanted the original look. They called from Lansing and were quite perterbed with her. See our library in located within the Munising Public School and is also their library, and she has been swamping them- in fact they ignored her last request. So she is spoiling it for others, and the librarian s assistant called me and asked me not to goin on any of her requests anymore, and they send all of my requests out immediately now. I really do like this first cousin, but she borders on the naive and also gets touchy when you hint that maybe she should only look for a few things at a time. She goes to visit her paternal grandmother around Osceola county every summer, so-I hate to get on her bad side, if you know what I mean.

By the way I have 1 problem name on my father's side that nobdy has ever heard of before and I would like to know if you ever find anything on the name, could you let me know. The name is Roles or Rolls, the father was William b. 1826 w. Caroline b. 1824, and they had numerous children, they lived in Lenawee county for many years. (Michigan). I believe I might have included it in my query in the Ohio newsletter, but may not have. Usually one finds the name they are searching all over, but not this one. I've considered writing to a Chamber of Commerce in some city within the county.

Hope you can understand the ramblings of this letter as the kids are sticking a round here like glue, and my thoughts wander some time.
Hope to hear from you soon-I'll let you knowif I get any more info. As usual this typewriter is sticking again, to bad Santa didn't bring me a new one.

Phyllis

DATE: Nov. 24, 1977

NAME: Phyllis Rautanen

Address: Rt. 1. Box 217
Munising, Mich 49862

1 Phyllis Lynne Snyder
Born: Aug. 29, 1947
Where: Munising. Mich.
When m: April 29, 1967
Died:
Where

William G. Rautanen SR.
Born: July 15, 1943
Where: Munising, Mich.
Died:
Where:

2 Robert Chester Snyder
Born: Jan 3, 1925
Where: Manistique, Mich.
When m: Sept. 12, 1945
Died:
Where:

3. Jean Esther Spearman
Born: Aug 12, 1921
Where: Emerado, N. Dakota.
Died:
Where:

4. James Snyder
Born: May, 1884
Where: Manistique, Mich
When m: June 27, 1914
Died: 1962
Where: Munising. Mich.

5. Eva Evyline J. Michaels
Born: Dec 26, 1895
Where: Green Bay, Wisc.
Died: May 1937
Where: Manistique, Mich.

6. Lyall Leolate Spearman
Born: Dec. 17, 1896
Where: Springfield. Nebr.
When m: Dec 1917
Died: Dec. 2, 1968
Where: Grand Forks. N.D.

7. Nellie Margaret Rethemier
Born Feb 16, 1893
Where Mt. Pleasant Iowa
Died May 12, 1938
Where: Honeyford, N. Dakota

8. Fredrick Schneider
Born: 1854
Where: Huntingdon Co. Penn
When M April 24, 1880
Died:
Where:

9. Mary Elizabeth Roles (Rolls)
Born: 1862 - Dec.
Where: Lenawee Co. Mich.
Died: Nov 20, 1907
Where: Manistique, Mich.

10. John Leonard Michaels
Born: Aug 8, 1864
Where: Sturgeon Bay. Wisc
When M: May 8, 1893
Died: Jan 26, 1943
Where: Grand Rapids, Mich.

11. Mary Katherine Hody
Born: Dec. 29, 1875
Where: Brussels, Belgium
Died: March 30, 1939
Where: Bridgeport, Saginaw Co Mi.

12. Arthur Leclare Spearman
Born: April 15, 1856
Where: Mt. Pleasant Iowa
When M: 1876
Died: Oct. 19, 1928
Where: Los Angeles, Calif

13. Sarah Edna Pope
Born: August 23, 1857
Where: Cass Co. Mich
Died: Oct 5, 1900
Where: Springfield. Neb.

14. George Leroy Rethemeier
Born: May 11, 1868
Where:
Died: March 20, 1922
Where: Emerado. N.D.
When M: Feb. 5, 1890

15. Edith Emma Hunsinger
Born: March 28, 1867
Where: Silver City. Iowa
Died: June 27, 1949
Where: Council Bluffs. Iowa

old in Grand Rapids.' How about that- hope I can follow that one up. I don't know if I already gave you this information that follows, but is is from this same man. Irvin Root, b. 4-27-1916 Detroit, m. 9-6-46 in Cadillac to Evelyn _____, b. 11-12-27 Flint.
Sanford Root b. 8-8-1893 Ohio, m June 1913 to Verna_____, b. 11-30-1897 in Cadillac, d. 3-1-1953 in Cadillac.

So we are slowly filling in our lines. At least I feel I am able to help you a little bit more now. Seems you had given me so much already. I sent him Edward Madison Root's line to fill in for me. If Zelma answers the letter I wrote her I will slowly bait her for more information. I want to go kindof easy with her at first to see what information she sends me. I don't want to scare her off, because she just might be the one who has all the goodies you mentioned her sister Florence Kostoma had and died before you could get them. Hope I'm on the right trail-I'll keep you posted.

I read the 1860 Ottawa census last night. I am a bit confused-ages are off and children were only listed with a letter. Have you read that census? John Root was on that one andthe household # was right across from his name if I remember right. Was he relation to that family H. Humphrey? Vandosto's household # was 674. Anyway the point I would like to make is this-John Root was apparently b. Mich. both from the 1860 census & Vandosto's death record. So Shouldn't we be searching Mich for John's father? If that is the case-Roots were some of the first settlers of Mich. According to the HANDY BOOK OF GENEOLOGISTS, Michigan was pa rt of Quebec territory from 1763-1783. This would include the year John was born. Maybe his father was in the military at one of the forts or something. The only FAMILY TRAILS Mich. State Library has bothered to send me might help here. It's Vol. 5 #2 Summer 1976. Michigan in the American Revolution is the topic and there is 1 Root listed-Eleazer Root, wife Lucinda. At the end of the book it listed 4 books that would help in the search for a Mich. Rev. War ancestor. What do you think of the idea ordo you have more information pointing to New York? I know it was New York later, but it is an idea.

I found nothing in particular on the Ottawa census that would directly help me on the Baker or Arnold line. The 1870 census for the county should be in soon, so hope to find more from that. I also noticed on the 1860 census Esther stated her birthplace a Mich.

Well that is all that I have gathered so far, hop e to get this out in themail today. Thank youmuch for the family reunion picture and the pics of your sons.

Hope this letter makes sense to you, as thes kids are right on my neck and are trying to help me type.

Many pardons for the messy letter-with company & kids all home & while a bit on a limb, and I hate to retype all of this.

(Sat. Was John Root in the war of 1812? He certainly was old enough. Jim written as a thought while watching T.V.)

Pardon the messy letter. I am continuing it 2 days later. The mail didn't get through for 2 days so couldn't mail this. The news of the snow isn't any news to you I am sure, judging from the reports on the T.V.!!! My mother ended staying here 2 nights, and they didn't plow out here way until about 3:00 thefollowing day. Most of the roads up here were closed for 2-3 days. I've never seen anything like it. We were quite fortunate, we had plenty to eat in the house and a wood stove to supplement the heating when the power went off.

My sister & her husband came yesterday from Mackinaw City-They must've got through just after the plows came through. They never heard much about the weather up here just lower Michigan and Ohio, so came. We all were a bit surprised to see them. Anyway, as I might have mentioned before Jim, my brothe-r-in-law is assistant park manager at Fort Michimilimac. I told him about my supposition re: John Root and he said the park archeology & history dept. has many books on the early days of Mich. and some I have already mentioned in this letter. (The books mentioned in theFamily Trails.) He said he would let me get my hands on them if I want to look at them. Great hey! I know there wouldn't be any other way to locate so much to possibly help us. Just first tell me what you think on the idea. The park is closed in the winter and the Historian is gone, a nd now would be a perfect time to go through them.
Well I must go and feed my family. Write when you ha ve time.

Phyllis

Dear Helen,

Sorry it has taken so long for me to answer, but I have been swamped with all kinds of stuff to do. We are sort of preparing for summer now. I've finished planting most of my garden, just have the tomato plants to go now. The mosquitos have been so bad lately, it's just impossible to play outside much. With the summer here we have been on the go much more lately also.

I haven't honestly done much on the Root side la tely, I guess I got put off by paying all that money on Lorenzo and not finding anything and then them keeping my money. Lo and behold the 1870 Ottawa Co. census came in-after being ordered in January! I looked through it and can't find my Peter Baker. I'm just at a standstill on that one. I'm going to try that woman in Florida again, the one who has the bible. She had a stroke last winter, so may not hear from her. She actually never answered any of my letters-the information I got that she ha s a bible came from my mother-in-law who visited her before she went to Florida. I don't know if I mentioned it or not, but I finally got an answer from Zelma Van Slooten. She said she never had Lorenzo staying with her. Despite 2 reports to the contrary. She said the last she heard of him he was in the town of Dighton, Mich. She suggested I contact Nina Garey. All these roads seem to lead to nowhere or in circles re: Lorenzo. If I ever do find him it will be by some fluke. I've searched statewide for him, his marriage, and his death-nil!

All this time I have had inquires out on him and others on my husband's side. But I have gotten no bites so far.

I have gotten 2 good leads on my maternal side so fa r already. One person in Iowa has really helped me on my Rethemeier line, and a lady in Calif. had alot of stuff on my dad's mother's name. Including a photocopy of her baptisimal certifica te. Which cleared up why I couldn't find something in one county in Wisconsin. She wasn't even born there, a nd a ll the informa tion I had wa s current and from her sons and daughters.

I received a letter in the mail to join a magazine ca lled Car-Del- Scribe. Maybe you heard of it. I heard of it- when the name came up in a bunch of info. I got on my Sweet name. Somebody ha d put in a ad- and I found some information in Schoolcraft Co. Mi that connects. Any-way it is only $5.00, and a person is entitled to 2 queries per issue, and it comes out in Jan, Feb, April, July, October, and Dec. It is put together by a professional Geneologist. I think I will join just for the free queries. In case you want the address here it is. Chedwato Service, R.F.D. 3, Box 120A, Middleboro, Mass. 02346.

Well, I must go for now. I will write later. I just wanted you to know I w as still alive. I intend to do some research this summer, but you know how it is with picnics, vacations. etc. If I get any more information I will let you know . Have a nice summer.

Sincerely,

Phyllis

Dear Helen,

I have been putting off answering your letter in the hopes that by now one of those Root's downstate would have answered my letter. But not so far. Your letter was of great interest to me and my husband. It never bothered us about his being in prison, but I felt sorry for the situation at the time. He certainly was some rascal!! That might just be the reason that nobody in the family downstate"knows anything about him". If a thing like that occurs in the family, there are always those that will disown the person.

As to the dates-Blanche says he lived in Detroit approx 1911 or 1912, the Zelma Van Slooten says he stayed with her and her husband circa 1918. Well according to the information I received and already sent you, Zelma was born in 1904, and would've been only 14 and married at the time. Yet I must assume Lorenzo lived with them. He may have ditched his wife.

Concerning whether or not there was a divorce. I have already checked state-wide for his & Emma's divorce, and it really cost me. I had the years 1897-1917 checked, and they found nothing. So you are right possibly in that it was bigamy-or else they were divorce between the years 1890-1897. I will check that out this week, and also his marriage. I have to pay $2.00 the first year and .50¢ after that for both records. I think you know how this all adds up. I also have to pay for the death record too, going on the assumption it was after 1918. He could have died after your grandmother died in 1922, couldn't he? In her letter Blanche just says he died and that he had visited your great-grandmother. But I will see what I can do on that score.

I really don't know w here to search for prison records, as I have talked with another geneology bug here in town and she saysthey are pretty hard to come by. I think of some way around that though. One of the main prisons in Michigan is Jackson Prison and had been for some time, he may have been there if it was a major offense. I am just curious enough to eventually find out what it is. I won't give up.

I was looking over the ancestor table sheets you had enclosed in one of your previous letters, and I find that there are Jackson's in your husband's line. I am enclosing a book you can keep, as I have no further need of it at this time. If I ever do need it again, I will know where it is at. One of my ancestors was supposed to have married a Jackson girl, Sylvia dau. of a Daniel Jackson. circa 1800. Well I guess he did, but his son is by his first marriage to a Unknown woman and that is the line I come off of. I neverfoundthis out until last month when I received some papers from California. So I will not be tracing that line back through the Jackson name now. The book does have alot of good material if you know where you are at, but I never felt it was really organized like I would like it. Hope it can be of some help to you.

Thank you very much for the picture of the tomebstone, I appreciate you getting me a copy of it.

Eventually I would maybe like to get the picture from Blanche of Her, her mother & Lorenzo and have it copied. Any old pictures I get reproduced I take right to the photographer, because I'm so afraid of things getting lost in the mail.

By the way, have you dug out from the storm yet? My husband's real father Arne Herrala goes to Toledo to live in the w inter, and we just received

	NAME	BORN	DIED	RESIDENCE
1.	William Gerald (Herrala) Rautanen	15 Jul 1943		Munising, Mi.
2.	Arne Henry Herrala	4 Jan 1912		Eben,Mi.& Toledo,O.
3.	Eva Marie Root	18 Dec 1923		Munising, Mi.
4.	Henrik(Heikki) Herrala	24 Apr 1875	27 Jan 1965	Toysa, Finland-Eben,Mi.
5.	Mary(Maija) Palomaki	5 Nov 1881	20 Jan 1918	Toysa, Finland-Eben,Mi.
6.	John Wm. Root	19 Jun 1888	24 Feb 1956	Osceola Co.Mi-Munising,Mi.
7.	Mona May Irene Ripley	May 1902	15 Aug 1935	Mi.-Alger Co. Mi.
8.	Jacob(Jaakko)Rajala-(Later changed to Herrala)	6 May 1845		Alavuus & Toysa Finland
9.	Liisa Johanna Herrala	7 May,1847	13 Oct 1922	Toysa, Finland
10.	Elias Palomaki	2 Jul 1853	16 Sep 1929	Toysa, Finland
11.	Liisa Sofiia Savolainen	4 Mar 1851	24 Aug 1905	Toysa, Finland
12.	Lorenzo Dow Root	1861/1862		Ottawa,Co. O-Osceola C.Mi.
13.	Emma Jane Baker	1860-62	28 Jun 1942	Osceola-Kalakaska Co.Mi.
14.	John Wm. Ripley	1852/3	7 Mar 1927	Harding Co. O, Munising,Mi
15.	Pearl Cole	1872/4	6 Feb 1939	Ionia Co. Mi. Munising, Mi
16.	Erik Rajala			Alavuus, Finland
17.				
18.	Daniel Herrala			Toysa, Finland
19.				
20.	Kirvesluoma?			Toysa, Finland
21.				
22.	Elia Savolainen			Toysa, Finland
23.				
24.	Vandosto S. Root	3 Mar 1810	6 Apr 1906	Ottawa Co.O.-Osceola C-Mi
25.	Esther Short	28 Sep 1826	21 Dec 1904	Ottawa Co.O.-Osceola C.-MI
26.	Peter Baker			N.Y.State, Martin, Ohio
27.	Roda Ann Arnold			N.Y.State, Martin, Ohio
28.	John William Ripley	1818/20	21 May 1871 ?	Harding Co. Ohio, Mich.
29.	Elizabetts Thomas or Donnally	1825		Pa. Harding,Co. Ohio
30.	Leander F. Cole	1843/4		Onandaga C. N.Y. Ionia Co. Mich. Osceola Co. Mi.
31.	Roxanne Brink	1853/-7		Ionia Co. Mi. Osceola Co.
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48.	John S. Root	16 Oct 1778	3 May 1863	Ottawa Co. O.-N.Y.
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50.	Oliver Short			Mich.
51.				

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52.	Baker			
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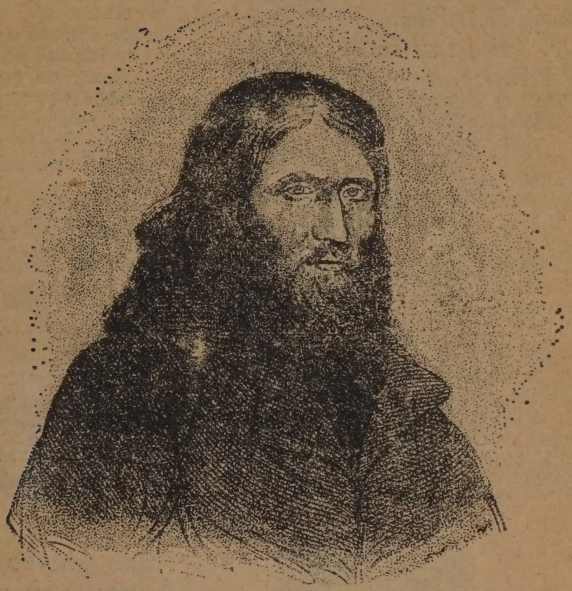
56.	Jacob Ripley			Ohio.
57.	Sarah			
58.				
59.				
60.	Alanson Cole	1815		Vermont, Ionia Co. Mich.
61.	Elizabeth Van Camp?	1816/18		New York, Ionia Co. Mich.
62.	Irving Brink	1818		New York, Ionia Co-Osceola Co
63.	Harriet I.	1822		New York

122.	Peter Van Camp	New York
123.	Pede	New York



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"On another occasion, it has been said, having been informed that the people thereabouts had suffered from the depredations of a hog thief, he took occasion to state to an assemblage whom he was addressing, that he felt certain that the thief was among them. Then stooping down he picked up a stone, and said: "Now I am going to throw this stone at him," at the same time making a motion as if to throw it, whereupon an individual in the crowd dodged. "That's him," exclaimed Dow, pointing to the conscience stricken individual. The people called him Crazy Dow; his wife Peggy accompanied him in his travels. He introduced camp meetings in England."

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winter meat, and instead killed his neighbors' hogs, salted them down, and is now living on the meat, can repent while it is unpaid for? I tell you nay. Except he restores a just compensation his attempt at repentance will be the basest hypocrisy. Except ye repent truly, ye shall all likewise perish.' He preached some thirty minutes. Down he stepped, mounted his pony, and in a few minutes was moving on through the woods at a rapid pace to meet another appointment.

"On another occasion, it has been said, having been informed that the people thereabouts had suffered from the depredations of a hog thief, he took occasion to state to an assemblage whom he was addressing, that he felt certain that the thief was among them. Then stooping down he picked up a stone, and said: "Now I am going to throw this stone at him," at the same time making a motion as if to throw it, whereupon an individual in the crowd dodged. "That's him," exclaimed Dow, pointing to the conscience stricken individual. The people called him Crazy Dow; his wife Peggy accompanied him in his travels. He introduced camp meetings in England."

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Of: (county of residence)

Book No. B Page No. 105 Date of Deed: 8 May - 1846
Date Recorded: 18 ~~May~~ 5 mo ~~1846~~ 1847

County and State where deed was made:
(If other than the above named)

Amount of Acreage, etc.: 80 Selling Price: $300

Property description: S½ SE. ¼

Location and boundaries:

Original or Previous
Owners, if given:

Any Other Pertinent Facts:

Names of Witnesses: S. Overmeyer

Signature(s): Robt. H. Lightrup

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Also on the agenda are a bus tour, a tour of the Owen Lovejoy Homestead, candelight tour of the Stevens House and a silent film about Princeton's centennial celebration of 1928.

Program reservations should be mailed to The Illinois State Historical Society, Old State Capitol, Springfield, Ill., 62706 before May 1. Registration for each person costs $1, Friday luncheon, $3.50; Friday bus tour, $2; Friday dinner, $4.50; Saturday bus tour and luncheon, $5 and Saturday banquet $5.

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Names of Witnesses: S. Overmeyer

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Location and boundaries: _____

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Original or Previous

Owners, if given: _____

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Names of Witnesses: _____

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Kind of Indenture (contract): _____
(If Other Than Deed of Sale of Property)

COUNTY and STATE where recorded: Ottawa, Ohio

NAME of GRANTOR (Seller): Winfield Wagen + Wife - Maryann
Of: _____ (county of residence) _____
NAME OF GRANTEE (Buyer): U. L. Root
Of: _____ (county of residence) _____

Book No. 1 Page No. 603 Date of Deed: _____
Date Recorded: 4th April 1869

County and State where deed was made: Ottawa Co., Ohio
(If other than the above named)

Amount of Acreage, etc.: 40 Acres Selling Price: $50.00

Property description: Sec 35 Town 8 range 15
Sec 5 town 7 range 15 - sec 32 Town 8 range 15

Location and boundaries: _____

Original or Previous
Owners, if given: _____

Any Other Pertinent Facts: _____

Names of Witnesses: John Mecker - Amelia Miller

Signature(s): _____

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Of: (County of residence)

Book No. ____ Page No. ____ Date of Deed:

Date Recorded:

County and State where deed was made:

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Amount of Acreage, etc.: Selling Price:

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Kind of Indenture (contract): _____
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COUNTY and STATE where recorded: _____

NAME of GRANTOR (Seller): V.S. Root & Esther Root
Of: _____ (county of residence) _____
NAME OF GRANTEE (Buyer): G.G. Runner
Of: _____ (county of residence) _____

Book No. W Page No. 112 Date of Deed: 30 Dec. 1875
Date Recorded: 12 May 1876

County and State where deed was made: _____
(If other than the above named)

Amount of Acreage, etc.: _____ Selling Price: 200

Property description: _____

Location and boundaries: S.W. corner of S ½ of the SE ¼ of Sec 4. Town 7 - So. Ra. 15 E.

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Signature(s): Nicholas Alpoot - J.P.
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File: V 4 ABSTRACT OF DEED No.

Kind of Indenture (contract): Deed
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COUNTY and STATE where recorded: Ottawa Co. Ohio

NAME of GRANTOR (Seller): V. S. Root & Esther Root
Of: Ottawa (county of residence) Ohio
NAME OF GRANTEE (Buyer): Seth & Addison Lindsley
Of: Ottawa (county of residence)

Book No. V Page No. 4 Date of Deed: 5 Nov. 1877
Date Recorded: 20 Feb. 1878

County and State where deed was made: Ottawa Co. Ohio
(If other than the above named)

Amount of Acreage, etc.: _____ Selling Price: $2000

Property description: South half of the South East Quarter of sec. 4 of Twp 7 Rang 15, East 4 p.p. 10 acres S W corner

Location and boundaries: of same containing 70 acres more or less

Original or Previous
Owners, if given:

Any Other Pertinent Facts:

Names of Witnesses: Smith Dilley

Signature(s): Augusta Dilley

Recorded By: Wm Bader Office:

Plat Drawing (if any)

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(If Other Than Deed of Sale or Property)

COUNTY and STATE where recorded: _____

NAME of GRANTOR (Seller): _____

Of: _____ (County of residence)

NAME OF GRANTEE (Buyer): _____

Of: _____ (County of residence)

Book No. _____ Page No. _____ Date of Deed: _____

Date Recorded: _____

County and State where deed was made: _____

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Amount of Acreage, etc.: _____ Selling Price: _____

Property description: _____

Location and boundaries: _____

Original or Previous

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Deed June 20, 1884
Rec. July 15, 1884

Do not understand - but poss.
he got land because of Cork
taxes

Warranty
21-Nov.1884 Rec Dec 2, 1884
V.S. Root & Ch. - Sherman Twp. Co Osceola

$75 00

C ½ of Frac. Sec. 29 - Twn 18 Ra. 15 E 59 acres
more or

File: _____ ABSTRACT OF DEED No. ___

Kind of Indenture (contract): _____
(If Other Than Deed of Sale of Property)

COUNTY and STATE where recorded: _____

NAME of GRANTOR (Seller): V.S. Root & Esther
Of: Osceola (county of residence) Mich
NAME OF GRANTEE (Buyer): Albert L. Bush
Of: Ottawa (county of residence) _____

Book No. 35 Page No. 274 Date of Deed: 23 Oct 1882
Date Recorded: 21 Apr. 1884

County and State where deed was made: Ottawa
(If other than the above named)

Amount of Acreage, etc.: 59 acres Selling Price: $100

Property description: W½ 29 Town 8 Range 15 - 7 Acres of Sec 30
Sec. 8 Ra 15 124 ac.

Location and boundaries: _____

Original or Previous
Owners, if given: _____

Any Other Pertinent Facts: _____

Names of Witnesses: _____

Signature(s): Oliver Platts Jr. State of Mich
Wesley Rood Co. of Oscoda

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Sherman - Osceola Co. - Mich

Oct. 3, 1990

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Dan

Jan 21, 1991

Dear helen,

I just have some odds and ends to mention. Yes, Howard seemed just mildly interested in genealogy, but not enthusiastic unfortunately. Like Jerry?? What happened to him?? But I don't see why you're coming to look at the stuff would be so hard on him. I haven't called the Roots in Albion that you sent me info on. That brings me to phonefile. Compuserve, the big information service, has a new service that lists all phone # in the US! You log on, at an extra cost of $15/hour, and you can search by #, address or name. By name you can specify surname and city, state or the whole state. I've used it quite a bit since it started a couple of weeks ago. I found several Whiteheads in Saugerties NY and the first one I called is our cousin! James Whitehead, 24 McDonald St, Saugerties 12477, 914/246.0262. He is interested, but knows little. His father was George Whitehead's son Millard. The only child still living is Willard, but he's had cancer, had his voice box removed, and can't communicate well. James said that they think that George went to Saugerties because his wife was from there, but they only know that he came "from Toledo". He doesn't know of any old photos. I've sent him a package of group sheets and photos and can only hope that one of his cousins has something. James goes to Columbia Co sometimes and is receptive to the idea of looking up records (if there are any which I doubt; I think Albany is the only hope). The information we have on their family seems to be correct so far. The FHL computers now have social security death records. Some of them are: Whitehead, Millard b 7 Nov 1905 d 29 Sep 1988 Saugerties, Leslie 4 Nov 1901 Dec 1972 Malden on Hudson, Ulster Co, Clement 14 Feb 1912 May 1975 Saugerties; Laura Weyhe 26 Feb 1908 Jan 1983 Toledo, Mae Werstler 19 Dec 1893 Sep 1975 Toledo.

On Martha's chart, Colista d Nov 1922, no day given that I can see. You may be right about Aurora's ch, perhaps Rosa Belle Ackley, eh? I don't know about Victoria's birth date; Martha says 1839, but Mae Martin said 1841 and so does the gravestone (perhaps supplied by Mae). But there is a large gap between her and Aurora. The 1840 census gives 3F <5 which could be Melissa, Aurora & Victoria if she was b 1839. I don't have the 1850 census ages at hand. So I just don't know. Simon B.'s 2nd wife looks like Helen Augusta (Rowlsby) Cuykendall to me, but it isn't clear at all. I couldn't find anything on her in the IGI under those names. I think that the Quiggs can clear this up; one of them mentioned her but I don't remember what they said. Uncle Eugene had Mary Louise b 1 Nov 1853. I have it that Sarah was bur Locust Pt cem, but I can't find her now so I must be wrong. Your source (Nina Garey?) said Sarah was burned to death. I assume that they are all the same, probably Mary Louise b 1 Nov 1853 d ca 1855 since Eugene prob had a fam register of some kind.

Donna Gyde wrote, said Beryl has done nothing on the glass plates (what a dud!), but she did return the sheets of

I have no understanding of Beryl's mind.

photocopies with the labels checked. The J.L. Peters family photo: rear George, Fred (l to r), front J.L., Martha Sarah, Ralph. But, before he told me Lester in place of Ralph, so ages must be checked. Couple, man in black lady in white holding flowers, Mrs & Mrs Arther (sic!) Floro. Couple, man in dark stripped suit, woman in shiny dress with ~~like~~ 6in light colored sleeve sections above wrist & gathers (??words to use) running down front, "Estral Meachem"; I suppose that this is Ethyl Meachem. The Ethyl that I know was a daughter of Avery Meacham and Julia Walters, the sister of my grandfather Amiel Walters. Julia was a good friend of Aunt Nina. But ~~this~~ Ethyl was too young to be that lady in the picture, so I assume that the one in the picture is perhaps a sister of Avery. I've never looked up the Meacham history. The branch related to me moved to Texas many years ago and I've never been able to find them. The three old ladies sitting on the porch, Sarah Brush Pierson, Marry (sic) Pierson, Melissa Root Williams. The lady in long white dress, black beads hanging to just below waist, young, "Root is all that is on back of this picture taken at Allegan, MI". ~~Now~~ That is interesting! Now, if there weren't about 500 Roots living around Allegan.. Picture of firm looking elderly, not real old, lady in black with big white blouse thing sticking out, standing in front of fancy porch balisters, Colista D. Hewitt. Couple with guy on arm of chair, Lovica Colista, Leslie ??perhaps Coil? Now, the George Whitehead family includes a Leslie, but I asked and they don't know a Lovica Colista so I'm at a loss as to these two. Martha calls Abigal L. Hewitt Lavisa and says her 2nd husb was Frank Leslie, but ?? Seems like we're missing some children.

Linda keeps up her schedule of writing, says she is so important being the missing link that we've been seeking, etc. She's going bonkers. But she did send the tin type of some nice looking lady, unidentified. Also the picture of her George and wife Lydia, one where he looks almost pleasant. I've copied them and will send copies to you when I get them back. I wish I knew who the lady was, maybe a Fewless. But you have a better eye for placing these people.

I wonder whether we'll ever find evidence for the parentage of Eunice Crippen. I got a $1.65 package from a guy last week who has been working on his family, including Crippen, for years and he's the third generation to work on it. His grandfather spent the family fortune on genealogy. But he is stuck just like us, can't find birth records for the period 1740-1800. It seems that none of the Crippens I've corresponded with have good records, only bibles, Rev War pension papers, a few county histories and family lore.

That's it for today.

Charlie

Harold Van Voorhis
an attorney
in Des Moines
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Friday Nov 1, 1990

Dear Helen

I've finally transcribed all my notes into the database, but I haven't digested it all. Today I got back the second batch of pictures and I think you'll want to see them. There is another batch that Beryl took, because I had run out of film. No telling when he'll send those. I'll list them so that I'll know what I sent: Paul & Fredrick[a?] Fickinger [need to track these people down], Ida Dilley [the original is spotted pretty bad], Joseph Whitehead [a tin type, not labeled, but we all thought it looks like him; Beryl knew him, everyone called him Pap, I'll try to relate sometime what Beryl said], Maurice Williams [taken in Trinidad CO], Ida Dilley, Carrie Hewitt Fickinger, old Locust Point UB Church [was across the street fm Locust Pt cem; this is where the Saddoris family went and all those north of the river east of French town; and those south of the river after the Rushaw church burned down; I don't remember the history of all these churches], John Dilley, Blanch Paupuard, Pearl Fickinger, Blanche Whitehead, Joseph & Victoria Whitehead, Simon B. with wife/two sons, Ozilla Davenport, John [M.] Root, Marion/Martha/Wm Root, J.L. Peters family [Beryl knew them well!]. There are also quite a few of Mary Floro's family, lots of Krebs, but I assume that you aren't interested in them. If you are, let me know. Beryl copied one of an unidentified Root girl taken in Allegan, Vivian Whitehead, Blanch Whitehead, one we haven't figured out labeled Lovica Colesta Leslie Earl[?] but just two people, and Gndma Williams with Sarah & Gndma Pierson. We only got through about a third of Nina's glass plates. Actually, most of them are out of state scenes, probably taken or bought by Eugene on his trips. But some are really interesting and labeled too. We separated the interesting ones and Beryl found a neighbor who will print them, but I'm not real optimistic as to when that will get done. Beryl promised to go through the rest of the plates too.

That was an interesting safari we all took through Erie Co, but I'm afraid that Sheid Rd is a long way from the Root place. On the way home I stopped at the courthouse in Sandusky and spent a pleasant hour with the county clerk looking at old maps. The 2 1/4 acres was just south of the center of the city of Huron in what is now a quiet residential area, rolling and green. The museum in Huron was closed so I couldn't find out more while I was there. I guess that the Huron Twp cemetery we went to was right across the street! Then I went to Norwich and got the earlier deeds. I didn't notice until later that Polly Rhodes bought the land for only $1, so there is some story there.

Aunt Nina and her brother Jimmy had memory books that were signed by friends and relations. Katie Hewitt signed, Weston, OH, 1891; that's a clue. I started reading the old newspapers in the Elmore library, the Exponent being the best for Locust Pt and Nina news. I'd sure like to find a way to get them on loan.

Dear Helen

Grace Luebke says they paid $800 for their copy of the Exponent. Anyway, 25 Nov 1898 "Simeon Root, an old gentleman 91 years old, who has been visiting friends here for the past 6 weeks, has returned to his home in Canada". "Ben & Ralph Root were called to Plainwell, MI, by serious illness of their mother", ?-24-1908. "Mrs S.P. Lindley of Chardon, OH, an old resident of PC, is visiting friends in PC inc her dau, Mrs Frank Turpin" 11 Sep 1908. "Mr Frank Turpin of PC and Miss Mary Lindley of Fowler Mills, Geauga Co, OH, d/o Seth Lindley, formerly of this place, were m a couple of weeks ago"; 29 Jun 1894. "Joseph Whitehead & son were taken before JP Florian in Carroll twp charged with tresspassing on the prem. of a Mr Baylan, by trapping muskrats in that twp. They were fined & on their refusal to pay, the JP committed them to the co. jail"; 15 Dec 1893. There are references to gnma Williams visiting in Kalamazoo, but I think this was to visit Mary Floro who had a very large home there, something that I was surprised to find out about! I think that these papers are a real gold mine.

The old Root place, the 80ac bought in 1846, is on Boylen Rd, recently changed to Moore Rd. I talked to Earl Moore who owns the land to the south of the Root land and whose brother owns the old Root land. His father moved there in 1918 and lived in the old Boylen house, a log cabin. There used to be two houses on the Root land, the older one has been gone a long time, maybe 50 years, but the other one was only torn down a couple of years ago. I tried to talk to the last owner, but he was out. I'll try to get Beryl to find out about the older house.

Most of what I was looking for wasn't related to the Roots, but among their deeds were: Henry H. Ackley of Lake Superior, MI, and some interesting Myers deeds, abstracts enclosed.

I finally got the file from the Archives on one of the John Roots in the War of 1812. Only payroll cards for 9 May to 11 Nov 1812, when he was discharged, served in Capt David Rowly and Capt James McNair's co of Inf, NY vol, commanded by Lt Col. Philetus Swift. Now I need to find out where this outfit was recruited.

It was a worthwhile trip and I got a lot of history settled for my many other Ottawa co families. And I took two hours of video of the old homes and farms and areas like Catawba Island. Now I can spend the winter editing it all.

Charlie

May 2, 1991

Dear Helen,

I received your letter today & I've cross checked the copy of the 1880 census from Allegan Co. that you sent.

You are right there is an Edmund listed as age 4 & no John is listed. But Uncle John was 4 1/2 when the ~~s~~ census was taken & I don't understand why he wasn't listed unless Edmund & my uncle John are one in the same person.

I got the following information from young John Root's daughters yesterday.

John Edward Root (Pauline's dad)
birth: 19 Dec. 1875 in Ohio
marr: in Allegan
died: in Allegan
buried: in Dunningville
Father: John Melvin Root
Mother: Lavina Hazen

Wife: Christie Crawford
birth: 15 March 1886 in Hastings
died: in Allegan
buried: in Dunningville
Father: Charles ~~Cra~~ Crawford
Mother:
Other husbands: Charles Cae

Children

1) Pauline M. Root
birth: 16 June 1920 Valley Township (Dunningville) Allegan Co.

2) Boy
birth: 1921 miscarriage

twins
3) Boy ~~1925~~ 1923 miscarriage
4) Girl

5) Boy lived 1 wk. & died
birth: 1925

I gave Pauline a family group sheet with the information on it that you gave me about John Mortimor Root Jr. & you see the changes that was made. And I don't think that Pauline would lie about the info.

The Allegan Co. Court House will have Uncle John & my great grandpa's death records & I hope they have middle names listed on the records. The records I have on my great grandpa just say John M. Root & that is all his tombstone says too.

On April 29th I received this little bit of info on Uncle Ralph ~~f~~ from another genealogist in the family. The lady is Uncle Ben's daughter

Ruth but her legal name is Lena May because the dr. put the ~~so~~ wrong name on her birth certificate. Uncle Ben & Aunt Maud named her Ruth Lavina but the dr. put the neighbor girl's name on Ruth's birth record because the neighbor girl was borned about the same time as Ruth was. Everyone ~~calls~~ refers to her as Ruth Lavina but her legal name is Lena May & since everyone calls her Ruth I too will refer to her as Ruth.

Ruth had this to say about Ralph he was born in 2/10/1891 & he married Pauline Sutton.

Ruth also listed Lavina & Hazen's brothers & sisters for me: Henry, Doug, Tip, Emaline, Janette, Julia & Pembrook. Ruth says that she has some of the Hazen info if I didn't have it. So I've asked Ruth for the Hazen info since we don't have the Hazen info.

In Ruth's letter she mentions a Mrs. Ido Meyers & how the Meyers in Plainwell used to be with them when they were kids. And I think that is Aurora's daughter-in-law because in Aurora's 2nd marriage she had a child name Iddo Meyers.

I have a letter written to Ruth but it's not in an envelope yet so I'm going to re-write that letter so we all can compare notes on the John M. Root family. Ruth said she was very willing to help me but she has lots of blanks in her info. & no photos of the

Roots (except maybe for her immediate family).
I haven't made it to the Plainwell Cemet. yet to get the dates off Ralph & Pauline's tombstones.
I haven't seen Aunt Maud & Uncle Bill Ellinger's grandchildren to find out a death date for Maud & Bill & where they died to locate a death record.
Malissa, Della & Bessie all lived in the Cadillac area so Wexford Co. should have their info. And Edna & Ralph lived here in Allegan Co. so the court house should have their death records. I know Ralph's record would be there for sure since he died in Plainwell.
On April 19th I called & welcomed Mom Snook home from 6 wks. in Germany & I asked her if she saw Helene. And Mom said no but she talked with Helene on the phone. Mom told me that Helene said that she ~~went~~ was going to send me $20 to get started with. ~~[redacted]~~. Then I said to Mom then Helene wants me to do the research & Mom said that Helene wanted me to do the research all along. I didn't say anything to Mom Snook but that surprised me because one time it sounded like Helene wanted me to do the research & the next

time it sounded like Helene wanted to do the research. So I wasn't sure who was suppose to do the research Helene or I so when Mom Snook said that Helene wanted me to do the research all along it ~~coul~~ caught me by surprise.

On April 26th Mom Snook stopped over to the house for a few minutes to bring a German Easter basket for Alesia & some tops for me she didn't want & 3 items from Germany for me. We talked about the phone conversation Mom had with Helene & Mom said that Helene told her that she (Helene) could manage the money alright. Mom told me that Helene told her that Mr. Höfflemann is against the whole deal but Helene didn't care because she was going to do it ~~any~~ anyway.

So I got the job but Mom Snook & I don't have any idea when Helene is going to write me to let me know. And in that letter will be $20 for me to get started with but so far I haven't heard from Helene.

To be honest with you Helen I don't understand why some of the genealogist for hire have such high fees. Perhaps if we knew what it is they do for those high fees then we'd understand the price they charge.

I have to go so I can get ready for bed because it's almost 11 p.m.

Sincerely,
Linda

May 4

Before I put your letter in an evelope so I can mail it out today I wanted to let you know that I got the letter & money from Helene yesterday afternoon in the mail. And I understand ~~most~~ most of what was written because I could translate 346 words but I have 100 words I couldn't translate. I'm getting better at translating! Now if I can my ~~spread~~ speak & writing in German to improve like that I'll be happy.

At least the family in Germany knows that I'm trying real hard to talk to them even if my German isn't very good. They are able to pretty much figure out what I'm trying to tell them.

13 Oct. 1991

Dear Helen,

I recieved your nice letter yesterday but I'm just getting around to answer it since I also recieved a letter from a friend at church who now lives in Middleville. And I wanted to answer Phyllis's letter first since she asked me a question that bothered me. she asked if I knew that Dale, the guy I've been seeing for 4½ months, was an alcoholic. That question bothered me because Dale isn't an alcoholic he doesn't show any signs of being an alcoholic, he only drinks when he's home & not while he's out on the road with his semi & Dale has a perfect driving record plus 1 million accident free miles. And if he was an ~~alcoholic~~ alcoholic his driving record wouldn't be perfect nor would Dale have a million accident free miles. I know because my cousin Vernon Root is a truck driver & an alcoholic & he doesn't have a track record like Dale.

Dale only drinks Miller beer no wine, whiskey, etc. & if he drank heavily he'd smell like a brewery but you never smell it on his breath. If you get within 2-3 feet of a heavy drinker or an alcoholic you get knocked over from the smell of the alcohol but when Dale & I hug you never smell any alcohol on him. I have even gone to Dale's house

when he's home, ~~unexpectedly~~ unexpectedly & he isn't even drinking.

And then Phyllis trys to tell me Dale's an alcoholic no way or he'd be drinking heavily when I've stopped over unexpectedly & he would drink while he was out on the road plus Dale wouldn't have 1 million accident free miles. I was with an alcoholic for 12 yrs. so I would be able to spot anything that way & there's nothing there.

Yes, Dale drinks more than your average person but Dale is bigger than the average person, Dale is 6'6" & 300 pounds, so he can drink more before it effects him. Dale can drink 5 beers & not be any different than I am after drinking 1 beer. Just because a person drinks more than what you or I think the person should doesn't mean the person is an alcoholic. And if you don't know that a person can drink more than the average person yes you can think that the person is an alcoholic when they're not an alcoholic.

I asked Phyllis who told her that & if she says Penny Fales I take the question with a grain of salt because Penny trys to cause trouble for Dale, he's told me about that ex-wife. And if Phyllis says she's seen it with her own eyes I wouldn't put much stock in it because things aren't always as they appear to be. I've been with an alcoholic for 12 yrs. so I know what to look

for & Dale doesn't show a single sign of being an alcoholic. I will keep a watchful eye for that type of signs because I'm not stupid I'd didn't leave an alcoholic for nothing & I won't trade one alcoholic in for another one that would be dumb on my part.

But enough about what Phyllis said about Dale being an alcoholic I want to change the subject to something more pleasant & less inflamable to me.

Your clients hopeless family genealogy sounds like the Hamburg Passenger List for 1879 I'm researching for Helene - hopeless. There is no Schwärzel or Ellinger listed in the first 275 pages of the Hamburg ships records for 1879. I have a gut feeling that the people I'm looking for left Germany from the Bremen port & not the Hamburg port. But I don't know what U.S. records to research that would show they left Bremen.

I haven't been working on genealogy mine or Helene's because I sprained my right ~~thumb~~ thumb a wk. ago yesterday & I can't thread micro film readers or turn a crank without my thumb. I've lost the use of my thumb for 6 wks. so I won't be able use my thumb until Nov 16th. I ~~sprain~~ sprained my right thumb 3½ yrs. ago so it sprains real easy now.

Do you have Duane Quigg's address so you can write him

to check on it, the info he promised? If you don't have Duane's address just write who has the family tree sign in book & Duane's address is in it. I know for a fact that Duane's address is in that book because I showed Duane & where the book was so he could sign it & I watched him sign his name & address in the book. Or you can get Duane's address from Charlie since he writes to Duane.

Duane signed the book at the reunion so he could be invited back to the reunion next year & that's why I showed Duane where the book was so he could sign it & that way he'll get an invitation next year to the Root family reunion.

I just found an ad in the Shoppers Guide for a Kindergarten Aide for Otsego Public Schools I don't if it's a paid position or a volunteer job but the ads ~~book~~ doesn't say it's volunteer job so I take it to mean a paid ~~posto~~ position especially since the heading is Help Wanted. I'll check it out tomorrow hopefully & if I was to get the job I'd want to work at Dix St. Elementary because of 2 reasons: 1) Alesia is at that school & 2) that's ~~were~~ where I went to school at for K-5.

I must close since I said what I had to & once I get my thumb back in working order I'll try & do research.

Sincerely,
Linda

14 Oct. 1991

Helen,

I forgot to tell you that the welfare cut offs that took place on Oct. 1st for general assistance was ruled against by a judge who stated that the governor didn't give the general assistance (GA) people a big enough notice about the cut offs. Now the state has to pay all the GA people for October, Governor Engler gave a 2 week notice, maybe 3 wks, about the cut off on Oct 1st.

The state was going to take the money it saved by cutting off GA & put that money into Medicade & A.D.C. but the judge ruled against the GA cut offs so I won't see an increase in my A.D.C.

Right now my food stamps & A.D.C. cash allowance are going up & down like a yo-yo, if my food stamps go up my cash allowance goes down & if the cash goes up the food stamps goes down. On Oct. 4th I got $73.34 my cash allowance for 2 wks. which is what I've been getting for 3-4 months with $178 in food stamps. But Sat. when my food stamps came I had to sign for them so I knew I got more food stamps & I got $188 worth of food stamps. And since my food stamps are up my cash will go down & I won't know by how much until my check

comes on Sat. the 19th. Next month I'll get a letter from my caseworker about the changes, the letter always comes a month after the change takes place.

In July Dale & I sat & talked about how the state refused to define "Able ~~Bob~~ Bodied" people who could work but who was on welfare. I told Dale I didn't see why the state won't define Able Bodied because if the state defined it then there'd be a guideline to be go by so those who can work would be weeded out. Dale agreed with me but he said that the state would never define Able Bodied because then the state would be setting its self up for ~~fobar~~ future lawsuits challenging what Able Bodied is. And I had to agree with Dale because that would happen there would be lawsuits & the state wants to avoid that so in order to prevent the lawsuits the state won't define the term-able bodied.

I have never liked John Engler since he started to run for governor & now that he's our governor I don't have a good word for him. The biggest problem with John is that he wants to massive cuts instead of doing the cuts more ~~gradudy~~ gradualy. He needs to make cut backs but he shouldn't make major cut backs while trying to balance the state budget. John needs to keep the money coming in while he trims back because the money that's coming in is greatly reduced with major cut backs &

the state gains nothing. But John doesn't see it that way he wants to make all the cuts at once & you can't do that because it reduces the money coming in to the state & there is increased unemployed & there isn't enough jobs for everyone as it is.

Linda

Aug 10, 1991

Dear Helen,

I got your letter today & thanks for confirming the reunion date because I hadn't heard whether it was still the 17th or if the date was moved.

I'm planning on going to the reunion & I invited Jim & ~~Maria~~ Marie Root & they are planning on coming too, Jim is George B. Root's grandson.

I didn't get started on answering your letter until 11 p.m. because there was car show at McDonald's right next to the trailer park. The cars covered the time period from Model A's to the 60's & there was 50's & 60's music to dance to.

Your welcome for the extra info & the letter I thought you'd be interested in the extra info & especially about Uncle Bill Ellinger being a German & coming here from Germany. And since Uncle Bill & Aunt Maud got married in June 1896 it brings his immigration closer to the time period I'm

researching for Helene. So while I'm doing research for Helene I will keep my eyes open to see if I can find Uncle Bill Ellinger listed too.

I'm waiting to hear from a lady in Topeka, KS to see if the Thaptons she's researching is the same ones I'm related to & trying to research.

I have been working at copying Root info by hand for Ruth (Root) Witherell, Uncle Ben's daughter, & Penny (Root) Anderson, George B. Root's great granddaughter. Ruth has 75% of ~~$~~ the Root info that I have on hand & Penny has maybe 10% of what I have. I work along at doing this as my time permits me to do.

Well, I gotta go it's almost 12:25 a.m. & by the time I get the dog out to the bathroom & I get into bed it will be 12:30.

See you at the reunion!

Love,

Linda

7 Sept. 91

Dear Helen,

I picked up a bit of info you might be interested in. I got the info from Wanda Craner - Wm. & Maud (Root) Ellinger's granddaughter.

Wanda says her grandparents died & are buried in Plainwell, she doesn't have any idea who the twin boys, Johnnie & Jimmie Ellinger, are. that's ~~buried~~ buried in the Plainwell cemetery.

Wanda told me that Edna (Root) Oliver also had a son named Bob Oliver & that Edna's daughter Margaret had the last name of Oliver.

Wanda's mother Mable Ellinger - Wm. & Maud (Root) Ellinger's daughter - was born 1 Dec. 1903 in Plainwell, Allegan Co., Mi & married Ray Anderson Kennicott & Mable died 7 Dec. 1966 in Plainwell. Ray was borned 24 March 1900 in Bradley, Allegan Co., Mi & he died 5 Oct 1966 in Plainwell. Wanda was born 5 Oct. 1924 in Plainwell, she's an only child.

So in light of this I would estimate that ~~Harring~~ Harry Ellinger (Mable's big brother) was borned

right around 1900 & that Cleon (Mable's little brother) was borned around 1905 & I would think that Harry & Cleon were also borned in Plainwell

I got Cleon Ellinger's son ~~Neil's~~ Neil's address & phone number from Wanda, it is a local call for me so I'll get around & call Neil to see what I can come up with.

Thurs. evening I started researching the 1879 Hamburg Passenger List for Helena & the first 129 pages didn't have anything on Schwärzel or Ellinger. I'm beginning to think that the ~~Is~~ Schwärzel's & Uncle Bill Ellinger came by ~~was~~ way of Bremen & only census records & other records will prove this out.

Sincerely,
Linda

Sept. 19, 1991

Dear Helen,

I'm way behind in writing to you. I guess that is because I haven't found anything new lately and I'm busy with the almond harvest. I have been spending some time on Genie, one of the information services and the one with the most genealogy. I started three topics, Foote, Crippen and Root. No one has replied on the Footes, but several have on the Root section. They are all are desc of families reported in the Root Genealogical Records, but none closely related to us. There was some interest in the old Roots back in Badby, something that I've never been that curious about. There were some Northampton films in one of the local FHC so I read them, probate records. There were lots of Russell and Rushall (seems to be the same name) families, but very few Roots. None of it seemed very interesting.

Through the Crippen topic I got in contact with a woman in KS who has been working on the family for over 30 yrs. She used to correspond with the two main Crippen researchers, both now dead. But she doesn't know our Eunice, although the chances are good that her anc was Eunice's brother. None of the daughters in that family were reported anywhere, and only a few of the sons. I've brought my Crippen sheets up to date and I'll start to write people again; I had given up on the family.

That granddau of Cora Wheye Martin has never written to me. She's the one that said on the phone that they had lots of old photos and knew the Prangs. I've just given up on trying to get all those dead beats to write to me. I doesn't seem do any good to beg. The death date for Blanche Prang came from the history sent to Vera Borck by Mae Martin. Edward's d date came fm Martha Quigg. I don't know another Blanche, but, basically, I don't know much about the family. You're filling in a lot of gaps with those records, but it is the hard way considering that Carol Boos could probably just give us the whole story if she would. Old Al Frontz hasn't called either. I got a letter fm Vera Borck last week, but nothing new, she's getting more confused in her writing, can't get a reply fm relatives in Toledo, and is off to Arizona to visit a niece again.

Have you heard fm Duane Quigg? At least he did supply that chart of Martha's, one of the better family items we've located. His address is on the Quigg group sheet. You can send him the Lindley letter, I'm tired of the Quiggs. I don't know whether I mentioned it, but I finally talked to Leo Bevis, Eva May Quigg's son who has the nudist colony. He didn't know anything about the family or where his mother's name came from.

When you say that Marcia VandeVort wanted a set of group sheets for "up there", where is that, Osceola Co?? Does anyone live there or in Missaukee Co any more?? I'm enclosing the negative of John Root. Aurora Root Etc is one of our more intriguing relatives, I think. She has left such a dim trail in one of all her marriages. Thanks for the Alva Root photos.

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Linda

Aug. 4, 1991

Dear Helen,

I talked with Dale Ellinger on the phone yesterday after about his grandparents (Wm. Ellinger & Maude Root).

Dale said his grandpa came here from Germany but he couldn't remember in what year & the only other info Dale could tell me about his grandparents is that they are buried in the Plainwell cemetery. But I drove all over the Plainwell cemetery & the only Ellingers I found was a set of twins & I don't know if those twins are related to the family or not.

Dale was able to tell me that the exact order of birth for his grandparents ~~to~~ children were: 1) Harry, 2) Mable & 3) Cleon. These 3 children are dead now & Harry died in Ann Arbor at the Vets Hospital & he's buried in Plainwell.

According to what Dale told me most of the info we need is in the safe but he had to go away so he couldn't look for the info.

Since Aunt Maud (John M.'s daughter) was borned in 1878 I figure that Uncle Bill was born around

1870 to 1875 & immigrated to the U.S. before 1909 because Uncle Bill & Aunt Maud (Root) Ellinger were already ~~when~~ married when Ben Root married Maude Welsh Wetock. If you look at Uncle Ben's marriage record you'll see that Uncle Bill & Aunt Maud signed as witnesses to the marriage.

Uncle Bill Ellinger was borned near the end of a 30 yr. war in Germany & during that war a lot of Germans immigrated out of Germany. The ports used ~~when~~ were in Bremen & Hamburg & Bremen is like our New York port.

In W.W. II Bremen took a beating, it was heavily bombed, & most all of the Bremen info was wiped out for good. The Hamburg records are pretty much in tack because it wasn't bombed at least not like Bremen.

Next month I will be getting a Hamburg Passenger List (1879) film in to research for the lady I work for in West Germany & I'll keep an eye out for the name Ellinger. Johannes & Maria Schwärzel & Uncle Bill Ellinger should have immigrated out of Germany around the same time period.

If the Hamburg info yields no info then the most likely port used was Bremen & to verify that you'd have to use census records & immigration

records to prove that Bremen was the port used.

The research for Helene appears to be tieing in with Uncle Bill Ellinger at this point in time so I can do research for Helene & us at the same time & perhaps kill 2 birds with one stone.

The Root Reunion is still up for Aug. 17th isn't it?

I have to go because I have to get things done around the house yet.

Love,
Linda

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Dear Helen,

I'm way behind in writing to you. I guess that is because I haven't found anything new lately and I'm busy with the almond harvest. I have been spending some time on Genie, one of the information services and the one with the most genealogy. I started three topics, Foote, Crippen and Root. No one has replied on the Footes, but several have on the Root section. They are all are desc of families reported in the Root Genealogical Records, but none closely related to us. There was some interest in the old Roots back in Badby, something that I've never been that curious about. There were some Northampton films in one of the local FHC so I read them, probate records. There were lots of Russell and Rushall (seems to be the same name) families, but very few Roots. None of it seemed very interesting.

Through the Crippen topic I got in contact with a woman in KS who has been working on the family for over 30 yrs. She used to correspond with the two main Crippen researchers, both now dead. But she doesn't know our Eunice, although the chances are good that her anc was Eunice's brother. None of the daughters in that family were reported anywhere, and only a few of the sons. I've brought my Crippen sheets up to date and I'll start to write people again; I had given up on the family.

That granddau of Cora Wheye Martin has never written to me. She's the one that said on the phone that they had lots of old photos and knew the Prangs. I've just given up on trying to get all those dead beats to write to me. I doesn't seem do any good to beg. The death date for Blanche Prang came from the history sent to Vera Borck by Mae Martin. Edward's d date came fm Martha Quigg. I don't know another Blanche, but, basically, I don't know much about the family. You're filling in a lot of gaps with those records, but it is the hard way considering that Carol Boos could probably just give us the whole story if she would. Old Al Frontz hasn't called either. I got a letter fm Vera Borck last week, but nothing new, she's getting more confused in her writing, can't get a reply fm relatives in Toledo, and is off to Arizona to visit a niece again.

Have you heard fm Duane Quigg? At least he did supply that chart of Martha's, one of the better family items we've located. His address is on the Quigg group sheet. You can send him the Lindley letter, I'm tired of the Quiggs. I don't know whether I mentioned it, but I finally talked to Leo Bevis, Eva May Quigg's son who has the nudist colony. He didn't know anything about the family or where his mother's name came from.

When you say that Marcia VandeVort wanted a set of group sheets for "up there", where is that, Osceola Co?? Does anyone live there or in Missaukee Co any more?? I'm enclosing the negative of John Root. Aurora Root Etc is one of our more intriguing relatives, I think. She has left such a dim trail in spite of all her marriages. Thanks for the Alva Root photos.

Looks like hard scrabble country where they were living. My grandpa Walters used to wear a sweater like that. I guess that a good sweater is a friend you hate to part with, even after 10 or 20 years. Yes, I used to spend a bundle on copying photos when I paid to have it done. Then I wised up and bought a camera so I could make my own. I sent for Morgan James' pension records in hopes that perhaps they would include something left out of your pack (I've been told that they select what to copy). They did! They included a couple of pages from the claim of the family of a John E. Wright, Pottowatomie KS!

I have a new computer on order, a 386. My Amiga is fine, but it has gone almost entirely into the hands of the desktop video people. Very little productivity software is being written for it anymore. One thing that I want is to be able to scan in text from books and OCR it. I'm just growing older waiting for it to happen with the Amiga so I bought the 386 where there is mucho to pick from. My sister bought one too, but she is mainly just interested in continuing the challenge of battling with operating systems and so on, that she used to do with main frames at work before she retired. I'll probably learn to use PAF and Roots so I can talk to people about them, but continue to use the same system I have now for genealogy. I've been using a notebook computer (old model NEC Ultralite from DAK) for several months now. It has worked out just fine, actually better than I had imagined it would. I don't have to work at deciphering my hand writing now! And I don't have to rewrite it all. And I can type while I'm looking at the film reader screen.

Well, I wish I had some news to pass on, but maybe next time.

Charlie

Sept. 8, 1990

Dear Helen,

Here is the stuff in my scrap book that I told you about & I sent copies of it to Charlie along with a letter thanking him for the letter, pictures & info he sent me.

I'm going out to Aunt Jean's later to see if she can identify some of the people in the pictures Charlie sent me. Aunt Jean didn't know the people like Melissa (Root) Williams, Collista, Augusta Dilley, Eugene Williams & Simon Root nor did she know who most of John M.'s kids were. Aunt Jean thought the guy by John M.'s right shoulder was Thomas Root but she wasn't sure. Aunt Jean said that Aunt Francis would be the best one to ask. You know Aunt Francis might remember Vandusto because she was around 15-16 yrs. old when he ~~did~~ died.

Last night my parents told me that my great grandpa Root (George) was in prison or jail for awhile for rape - he

molested some of his own kids - I was surprised to hear it because I've never heard that. The stories I've heard about my great grandpa were about ~~s~~ how he liked to eat the fat of the ham, how he ate that tough skin off the ham, he sometimes prefered the fatty stuff to the lean meat & he ate bacon grease sandwiches. My great grandpa wore ~~flannel~~ flannel shirts in the summer he said it was cooler than wearing a light weight shirt or no shirt. Great Grandpa was a heavy drinker he had a bottle of beer or whiskey, I can't remember which but it seems like it was beer, that sat by his bed at night so if he woke up & wanted a drink it would be right beside his bed. And I remember my grandma (Laura) Holmes telling that when she a child in S.D. & her parents (George & Lydia) & the kids rode the train from Keystone to Rapid City. And her dad had a bottle of whiskey in his pocket & the kids saw that he lost it on the train. But none of the kids

would say a word to him about it because they were afraid that he'd hit them for saying anything. After everyone got off the train in Rapid City he reached in his pocket to get a drink from the bottle but it was gone & my grandma said that her dad got very angry about it.

Whenever my grandma talked about her dad she usually said that they (the kids) were always afraid of him. And one time Grandma told that story about the bottle of whiskey on the train & I can remember Grandma saying, "I don't know how my mother put up with it for all those years.". And Grandma said something to the effect that she could never put up with what her mother did.

I remember my grandma also telling that when Roy was borned in Keystone all of the kids had to go outside & play & they weren't allowed back inside until after Roy was borned. All the older kids knew why they had to go outside & stay but the younger kids didn't know why.

This neft story my grandma wouldn't tell unless she had at least 2 beers in her. And when I heard it for the first time I was really surprised because Grandma never talked that way.

Grandma told about when she was a kid in Keystone, S.D., her & Art (her brother) plus 2 or 3 of the other kids were playing. Then Grandma told about seeing this bull on a cow's back & she said, "Oh, look their fighting." & Art said, "They aren't fighting theyre fucking.". Then Grandma got to laughing about it & there was other stories like that she'd tell after she had 2 or 3 beers.

I hope these stories I remember my grandma telling helps to give you a little better insight into my grandma's childhood & about her dad (George B. Root).

Sincerely,
Linda

Jan. 24, 1991

Dear Helen,

Here are part of the family group sheets you sent to me on Oct. 11, 1990 these family group sheets are completed. The other family group sheets are still being worked on & the info is coming very slowly. Also most of the recent info I have received is on the grandchildren & great grandchildren to George B. Root which you said you didn't want.

The obituary on Florence Wilson Root (Alfred's 2nd wife) will be the only one you will want because she's a daughter-in-law to George B. Root.

I have all of the updating done on the Root file until I receive more info so shortly I'll begin filing birth record, marriage records, death records, prison papers, etc. Once I'm done with the filing then I will talk to Mildred Schoolcraft & the Ellingers to gather more info for us. So if everything goes right I should start gathering more info for us next week.

I will start with Mildred Schoolcraft first then I'll go to the Ellingers next.

I have been trying to call Lloyd Sheler (Frances Root's son) but I haven't been able to catch anyone home so far.

I gotta go so I can try & call Mildred also I'm going to try & call the Martin Police Dept. to see if they know who the person is that has the job of keeping the cemetary records. Then get the person's name, address & phone number to check on info for the death date & location of Aurora Root Ackley whose buried in Martin. I will also try & find out where the cemetary is so I can find it & get a tombstone picture.

Sincerely,

Linda

May 28, 1991

Dear Helen,

I've been waiting to write to you until after I had finished reading all the Oak Harbor Exponents I borrowed fm the OH Hist Soc. I got four rolls, 1897 (the earliest available) to 1905. First I'll answer your last letter. I have Collista d 1925 on her gravestone (p103 in OtCo cem book) and Nov 1922 in Martha Quigg's chart. You probably did send me Victoria's obit, but I don't know where I put it. Prints can be made from the glass plates that Beryl has by just holding a piece of photographic paper against the plate and shining a light through the plate. You don't need an enlarger, but you still need to develop the exposed paper. I used to do it in High School and my father did it back before the first world war. I'll write to Beryl soon to send him some stuff from the Oak Harbor paper and to ask about some of the people mentioned in the articles. He sure knows a lot about the families in that area.

I talked to Al Frontz. He wants to visit me after a trip he's taking back there this week. I visited the last of the Quigg brothers, Norman, a few weeks ago. He used to be on the stage and is a real talker, but mainly about himself and not what I'm interested in. He has some early pictures of his parents, but no family history. Both he and Floyd had the idea that their grandmother's ancestry was Dutch, "Van der Hof or something". He thinks that Simon's second wife's family still had the old home in Homer up to a couple of years ago, but now it is held by someone else. But I did get some of Martha's poetry. She must have been an energetic, hard working woman.

No word from my long and growing list of cousins who sound interested on the phone but never write, including Carol Boos and the Nichols guy. I found a fellow who's ancestor was a Julia Root, b ca 1810, who got married in Troupsburg, Steuben Co, NY. She's possibly John's niece. The fellow lives in Plymouth MI, does genealogy and plans on spending time in the Detroit library. He's also been to Steuben Co looking at records.

I've been wondering about the name Morgan. There are no Morgans in the Root book, a couple in the Foote history, none in a couple of Sprague books, but 5 or 6 in the Mosher book I have. So maybe Morgan James is based on Lovica's ancestors. But none of the Morgans in the Mosher book fit very well; although one had a sister who m a Crippen!. I don't think that Morgan was a popular name at that time.

Well, nothing spectacular from the Exponent. It was worth taking the many hours of scanning them to find items mentioning my grandparents marriage and my mother's birth, stuff like that. I copied about 45 pages, but am sending just the pages that I thought might be of interest to you. And you can look through my notes for anything of interest. The George Whitehead family sure moved around a lot, strange. I don't know where Auburndale is. I found more relatives in Lenawee Co!! I wonder whether the Mrs Mary Evans who visited Melissa on 1 Sep 1900 is one of Aurora's

children. It looks like the Luhrs lived in Cadillac. I'll write Linda about that and look in the phone book for any there now. A good lead is the mention that Mrs C.D. Hewitt had two grandch in NY city, but I expect that they'll be hard to find! Maybe one of them was Katie.

Charlie

14 March 1991

Dear Helen,

I was able to obtain some info from Bea & Mildred, Thomas Root's daughters, & I know that you will be interested in it.

John M. Root died in Dunningville at his home of pneumonia, he was around 76 when he died.

Thomas Root died in Plainwell in 1972 & he's buried in Riverside Cemetery.

WIFE: Clara Carl

BORN: 3 May 1892 in Ionia, Ionia Co.

DIED: 1962 in Plainwell, Allegan Co.

BURIED: Riverside Cemetery.

CHILDREN:

1) Beatrice - 5 April 1911 Cadillac, Wexford Co.
2) Henry - 14 April 1913 Cadillac
3) Mildred - 10 March 1915 Dunningville, Allegan Co.
4) Harold 1915 " " "
5) Russell 1917 " " "
6) Carl - 27 June 1919 Plainwell " "
7) Josephine 1921 Allegan " "
8) Madaline 1923 Plainwell " "

9) Leo 1925

Henry died within the last 2-3 years)
Harold died around 1964 (approx)
Leo died in W.W.II at the age of 19.

That funeral card for Russell (Red) Root who died in 1967 in Vietnam is Carl Root's son. I found that out today from his mother & she showed me his picture & Russ was a real nice looking guy.

Carl's wife, Dorthy, is the unknown [redacted] lady who married into the family, I found out that info today too.

Do you want all of the info on Thomas Root's children dealing with who they married & the children they had? Right at the moment I have Carl's info & it comes foward to Carl's a great grandson.

Carl died Dec. 1971 in Ann Arbor, Washtenaw Co & he's buried in Plainwell.

By this time next week I should have Bea & Mildred's info too so if you want it just let me know & I'll send it to you.

I have pressed to get this info out to you & Charlie today because I want to wash sheets & blankets & the laundry so I can pin them outside since it's gonna be close to 50°. I normally do laundry on Wednesdays & Saturdays but since tomorrow is to be the better day I'll do it tomorrow instead. And while that's going on I'll work along at getting carpets shampooed despite the fact that my wrists are bothering & I have my splints on today.

I gotta go it's just about 10:45 p.m. & I have a busy day planned for tomorrow so I need to get to bed.

Sincerely
Linda

31 Mar. 1991

Dear Helen,

I thought I would pass this info I got from my mom today on John M. Root's son John M. Jr.

John Jr. married a lady named Crystal & when they were in their 40's they had just child named Pauline, she was born in Allegan Co. around 1920, I will try to get Pauline's address from Aunt Jean.

John Jr. died in the 1960's & his funeral was at Gordon's Funeral Home in Allegan but my mom couldn't remember where John Jr. was buried.

John Jr. was an alcoholic & he lived around Dunningville & in the Allegan area & at one time he lived down below Allegan (near the Allegan Dam).

My mom told that down below Allegan John Jr. was driving a Model T & he was bouncing around in the ruts. And Pauline was standing in the seat she was jumping & flopping around & hollering & my grandpa &

grandma Deaton said, "There goes John & he's drunk again.".

My mom also told that near where the Allegan General Hospital is now well long before that there was a brick yard in that area. Where people went to buy bricks & there was a lot of black people (good blacks) living in that area at that time. Back in the woods in that area is where John Jr. lived in a shack.

Note my mother is a Deaton & Pauline is 5-8 years older than my mom.

John Jr. may be buried in one of 3 cemeteries: Mallory on M-40 South, the real big cemetery within the city limits of Allegan or the cemetery in ~~Fowville~~ Fennville. I know where the first 2 cemeteries are at but I don't know where the cemetery is at in ~~Fowville~~ Fennville.

I'm going to change the subject here to Helene who lives in West Germany.

I have found out from the main library in Salt Lake City that they have passenger ship record ~~indexes~~ for Hamburg & Bremen the port cities in Germany.

And in the letter to Helene that Wes is

mother brought me to help Helene locate info here in the U.S., the ~~¶~~ first paragraph states that there isn't any record of Johannes & Maria immigrating in 1878 from Hamburg. And the ~~paragh~~ paragraph went on to say that a big number of people left by way of Bremen.

Mom Snook didn't explain that to me when she brought the letter to me last Oct. Just the ~~21st~~ 25th of March I found out exactly what that first paragraph said after 2 things happened: 1) Salt Lake City sent me a slip of paper listing Bremen as one of the sources of info & 2) then I looked over the letter addressed to Helene & it something about Germany over, across Bremen. But I couldn't translate enough of the letter to know what was being said about Germany & Bremen.

Mom & Dad Snook are in Germany so she couldn't help me & I thought about Mom Snook's lady friends who are also German. And I called Hedi (Hā dē) Reck to see if she could help me so on the 25th I went to Hedi's house for the help.

I had already sent Helene a letter before the 25th telling her that the passenger ship records for Hamburg & Bremen were here in the U.S. & I asked her if she was wanting to ~~hire~~ hire me. And I told Helene that if she wanted to hire me I would work for $5 an hour & I explained what I would do for the fee.

After I met with Hedi I wrote a note in German to Helene explaining that the stuff she wanted was here in the U.S.

I hope Helene ~~hired~~ hires me at $5 an hour to do the research for here in the U.S., I could use the money & it will help me to obtain the experience I'll need to be able to reach the $35 an hour level.

I'm going to close so I can get ready for bed.

P.S. I have a copy from Charlie on Simon Beebe Root just like you sent me but I can read the last page from Charlie's copy. Do you want a hand written copy of it so you can read the last page? I'll do it if you want it.

Sincerely,
Linda

5 April 1991

Dear Helen,

I received your letter this afternoon but it took me until 9:05 p.m. to answer because I washed about 6 loads of laundry & pinned it outside. Then I wheeled about 6 loads of sod from the far end of the trailer park to my house & I packed & fitted it in a real low area by the patio & my shed. And then I got some dirt from the garden to fill the cracks in the pieces of sod & to taper the edges. By then it was 4:30 p.m. so I hurried in the house & washed my hands then I went back outside to take the clothes off the line & I particially fold them & laid them in the basket. I carried the huge basket of clean clothes in the house & set it down in the livingroom & fixed Alesia & I a sandwich. I did dishes then Alesia wanted to go for a bike ride in the park so we went for a quick bike ride in the park. We put away the bikes then we came in house so we could take baths while Alesia took her bath I took

care of the clothes then I took a bath. And I'm pooped! But tomorrow I have to spend about 4 hrs. raking a yd. for a lawn job customer. I've got ~~$~~ 6 lawn jobs right now, I thought I only had 4 but my 2 temporary jobs - fill ins - have hired ~~my~~ me this yr. The lady I'm raking for tomorrow let me know Tues. that I'd be mowing her yd. again this yr. Last summer it was just to fill in for her son who had shoulder surgery. And her son is fine now so I don't understand the reason now unless it's because her son has his trailer for sale & since he isn't the park manager anymore he doesn't have a lawn mower to use to his yd or his mother's. Whatever the reason I won't ask questions nor complain because it's money in my ~~pot~~ pocket.

The main reason for my writing isn't to let you know how busy I was today nor to let you know how many lawn jobs I have but to let you know that I may be getting in contact with John M. Gris. daughter Pauline.

I talked with Bea, Tom Root's daughter,

yesterday at the Senior Citizens Dinners in Otsego yesterday. And Bea & I talked about Pauline, John Jr's. daughter, & I found out that John Jr. & his wife had another child after Pauline but they lost it. Pauline lives in Pullman & she was married twice her first husband was a Hazen & her second husband was a Dobson & both men are dead.

Bea told me that Pauline attends "a meeting" at the Griswald Autatorium in Allegan on the first Wednesday of every month. I don't know what type of meeting it is except it deals with senior citizens. I told Bea that I didn't think I'd be able to go because I didn't think I'd have the money or the gas to go to it. So I told Bea I could give her my name, address & phone number so she could ~~it~~ give it to Pauline for me & to tell Pauline to ~~to~~ get in touch with me because I'm researching the family & I really need to talk with her. And Bea put it in her purse & she said she would talk to Pauline.

As soon as I get in contact with Pauline

I'll have more info on John Jr. & Crystal to pass on to you.

I will give you part of your family group sheets you sent me to work on in Aug. at the reunion because I can't afford the postage, my A.D.C. check is down to $43 now for 2 who, because of a $20 increase in lot rent. So in light of that I doubt that I'll be able to go to the Plainwell cemetery because I can't afford the gas. The only way I could afford the gas is from my lawn jobs and/or if Helene hires me at $5 an hr. to do the research here.

Also I got a form letter from Prudential today stating that I'm a potential candidate for a career with Prudential ~~Foncial~~ Financial Services. And they are interested in visiting with me as I may be the right person for one of their select positions. As they feel they have the best position in the Financial Security field at this time.

All I have to do right now is return their inquiry slip & they will contact me for an appointment.

I talked with Prudential about 2 years ago & it was about selling insurance, life ins. & the other types of ins. they sell, but the classes cost at least $400 & there was no way I could come up with that much money.

My parents came over for a few minutes this afternoon before I started to get the sod. And my mom saw the envelope from Prudential on the table & she asked what it was since all the info on the life ins. thru Prudential comes to me instead of her. My mom thought it might be for her until I told her that Prudential was checking to see if I was interested in a job. And how about 2 yrs. I talked ~~#~~ with them about a job but the class cost nothing less than $400 & there was no way I could come up with that ~~so~~ kind of money. And I figured that this was about the samething & I told my mom that I'm interested but only if it cost anything because I can't afford it otherwise.

Alesia & I had a nice Easter we had dinner with my parents but the weather

was much to be desired. It was cloudy cold & windy we had snow just enough to make the grass turn white then it melted & then it rained off & on the rest of the afternoon.

This weekend is to be picture perfect tomorrow & Sunday is to be sunny & 75°. The leaves on the lillacs are just starting to leaf out & the willows are getting a yellowish green look to them. It's 11:25 p.m. right now & my front door is still open! Tomorrow I'll have to take a few storm windows out & put screens in to help reduce the heat from the glass.

I gotta go it's 11:30 & I'm exhausted so I'm going to take Buffie out & then go to bed.

P.S. I thought that Pauline's 1st husband's last name being Hazen was interesting.

Sincerely,
Linda

9 April 1991

Helen,

Here is some info you may want I have picked up this stuff from Bea & Mildred at the Senior Citizens Dinners at the Church of God in Otsego.

John M. Root died April 21, 1918 at his home in Dunningville from ~~th~~ pneumonia, Thomas Root & his wife Clara lived with John M. Root to take care of him from 1911 until his death. John took sick in 1911 & Tom & Clara took care of him they lived with John until he died from pneumonia.

In 1911 when Tom & Clara & part of their children lived with John his death there was no woman living with John & no one ever said anything about the Mrs. Adams that married John. So when I said something to Bea, Tom's oldest child, about it, it came as a complete surprise to her.

The following info on John M. Root & his children & their spouses will be listed in random order & not all of the info will be

listed.

Ralph Lester Root ~~pe~~ prefered to be called Bob. Ralph lived in Plainwell & died there he's buried in the Plainwell cemetery, he married a lady named Pauline & they had just 1 child Kathleen - all 3 are dead - Kathleen married & had a son but no one knows who or where he is.

Ben Root married Maud Welsh 29 April 1909 in Allegan, Maude was born in Wayland, Allegan Co., She was 22 when she got married so she would have been borned in 1887. They had 4 children Charles, Florence, Ruth & Robert (died young) they died in Plainwell.

Maude Root married William Simon Ellinger (before Ben's marriage since they (Maude & Bill) witnessed Ben's marriage). They had 3 children Harry, Mable & Cleon or Leon.

Thomas Root married Clara Caryl/Carl, Clara born 3 May 1892 in Ionia, Ionia Co., Mi she died in 1962. Thomas died in 1972 they both died in Plainwell & they are buried in Riverside Ceme. in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., Mi. They had 9 children (in order of birth) Beatrice, Henry, Mildred, Harold, Russell, Carl, Josephine, Madaline & Leo (killed in W.W.II at the age of 19).

I already gave you the info I found out from

my mom or John Jr., I hope to be talking with or writing to Pauline John Jr's. daughter so there may be info to follow on Uncle John.

Also that funeral card photocopy I sent you of Russell (Red) Root that died in March 1967 in Vietnam is Carl Root's son the youngest one. Carl & Dorthy had 2 boys David & Russell, David is ~~the~~ married & has 3 girls Tina, Debra & Patty (Deb & Pat are twins) & Patty is married & has an 8 month old son.

Henry Root & his wife Clara didn't have any children. Henry died 23, April 1988 in Dade City, FL. buried in Plainwell

I have written to Bens Root's son Charlie in Florida but I haven't heard from Charlie & Edna yet. I ~~even~~ asked for Florence & Ruth's addresses & I haven't even received that much so far.

I have more info dealing with the grandchildren of John M. but you said you didn't want it just the children & their spouses of ~~John~~ John M. But I did list the grandchildren of John M. in case you wanted to know how many kids John M.'s children had.

Charlie was amazed at the amount of info I've gotten at the Senior Citizens Dinners & he said

that there was a lot of Roots in my area. I told Charlie that all the Roots in this area are from John M.

I hope this info helps fill in a few of your gaps for you.

Sincerely,

Linda

12 April 1991

Dear Helen,

I got the info we've been waiting for on Uncle Ben & Aunt Maud Root today from their son Charlie.

Uncle Ben died 29 March 1963 in Plainwell & he's buried in Hillside Cemet. in Plainwell.

Aunt Maud's real middle name is Elmina not Emma, she was borned 10 May 1886, she died 19 June 1982 in Plainwell & she buried in Hillside Cemet. too. Aunt Maud's dad is Spencer not Spence Welsh & her mother is Harriet Woodruff.

Uncle Ben & Aunt Maud's children listed from oldest to youngest Florence Bell Root, Ruth Lavina Root, Charles Benjamin Root & Robert Eugene Root. Flo died on 19 Dec. 1972 & Robert died on 17 Jan 1953.

I gotta go so I can get ready to fix supper.

Sincerely,
Linda

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Sunday Mar 24, 1991

Dear Helen,

Thanks for the recent letters. I'm especially glad to get the info on Mae Martin. I tried calling tonight but no luck; in fact, the Boos number gets an error message. I'll get it on Phonefile on Compuserve when I get a few more to look up at the same time. I talked to Muriel Laroy a couple of weeks ago. She sounds alert and interested, but only has a photo of Etta Mae, wife of Marion Root. She said she'd check with her sister who lives nearby. I sent her a package but haven't heard anything. How come Linda is my best pen pal, but I shudder when I get a letter from her. Now that she is getting over her sinus problems, her wrists are hurting again. Her accounts of John M.'s children seem to keep changing as she interviews those aunts at the Senior Citizen dinners. But she keeping trying and she is doing a lot more than any of the other Michigan cousins, that's for sure. I wrote again to Howard Claucherty. The Gydes think that Michigan people are different than Ohio people, and maybe they are right! Of course, the Gydes aren't doing much either. I sure wish they could get prints made from those glass plates; it can't be that big a task.

I visited the first of the Quiggs, John, a couple of weeks ago. His wife is quite interested in family history and has been working on the Quiggs for years, but doesn't know much about how genealogy really is done. Their house is hard to move through it is so full of boxes of papers and junk. Unfortunately, John left home early to join the Army and never went back. He also is losing his memory. I'll be going down south to visit my sister in a couple of weeks and then we'll visit Floyd, the one who lived with Simon B. The Quiggs say "Bee bee" not "Beeb" like the Michigan people. That is a strange difference.

I've been reading Chenango Co books again looking for Daniel White/Eunice Root, but nothing. I can't believe that he really could have been a lawyer and judge there without leaving any traces. Very strange.

I spent a day at Sutro last week, but did little on Root. I did look at the Benoni Beach in IL; not likely our man. Next time I'm at the Archives I'll look for the Beach son who was killed in the CW, according to Martha Quigg; but maybe you have a list of OH vets? Also, I wonder whether Samantha died and Lorenzo D. m Amanda Cheney as shown in the IGI. I'm sending various group sheets to show where I'm at. Should look for Amanda Root in 1860; maybe Lorenzo d soon after m in 1853. You mention a Jonathan Srague in Huron Co 1820; a Jonathan Sprague was in Portage Co on 1810 tax list too. But it is a pretty common name. As far as the Toledo obits, how about the Hewitts, Fickingers, Blanche Whitehead Prange, Joseph (or Eliada) Whitehead? No word bacl from the Saugerties NY Whiteheads.

I noticed these Dilleys in a bunch of old issues of Ohio Records & Pioneer Fam. Also, I noticed at Sutro a Dille family history, but I don't know whether that includes Dilley.

We've been having mucho rain this month, but we're still

Dear Helen,

Thanks for the recent letters. I'm especially glad to get the info on Mae Martin. I tried calling tonight but no luck in fact, the Boos number gets an error message. I'll get it on Phonefile on Compuserve when I get a few more to look up at the same time. I talked to Muriel Leroy a couple of weeks ago. She sounds alert and interested, but only has a photo of Etta Mae, wife of Marion Root. She said she'd check with Don Winter who lives nearby. I sent her a package but haven't heard anything. How come Linda is my best pen pal, but I shudder when I get a letter from her. Now that she is getting over her skin problems, her wrists are hurting again. Her accounts of John M.'s children seem to keep changing as she interviews those aunts at the Senior Citizen dinners. But she keeping trying and she is doing a lot more than any of the other Michigan cousins, that's for sure. I wrote again to Howard Claucherty. The Ogdes think that Michigan people are different than Ohio people, and maybe they are right! Of course, the Ogdes aren't doing much either. I sure wish they could get prints made from those glass plates! It can't be that big a task.

I visited the first of the Quigg, John, a couple of weeks ago. His wife is quite interested in family history and has been working on the Quigg's for years, but doesn't know much about how genealogy really is done. Their house is hard to move through it is so full of boxes of papers and junk. Unfortunately, John left home early to join the Army and never went back. He also is losing his memory. I'll be going down south to visit my sister in a couple of weeks and then we'll visit Floyd, the one who lived with Simon B. The Quigg's say "Bee bee" not "Beck" like the Michigan people. That is a strange difference.

I've been reading Chenango Co books again looking for Daniel White/Eunice Root, but nothing. I can't believe that he really could have been a lawyer and judge there without leaving any traces. Very strange.

I spent a day at Sutro last week, but did little on Root. I did look at the Benoni Beach in Ill; not likely our man. Next time I'm at the Archives I'll look for the Beach son who was killed in the CW, according to Martha Quigg; but maybe you have a list of OH vets? Also, I wonder whether Semantha died and Lorenzo D. & Amanda Cheney as shown in the 10I. I'm sending various group sheets to show where I'm at. Should look for Amanda Root in 1860; maybe Lorenzo d soon after m in 1858. You mention a Jonathan Sprague in Huron Co 1820; a Jonathan Sprague was in Portage Co on 1810 tax list too. But it is a pretty common name. As far as the Toledo obits, how about the Beatty, Pickingers, Blandbs Whitehead Iranges, Joseph (or Eliada) Whitehead? No word back from the Sangerties or Whitesboro.

I noticed these Dilleys in a bunch of old issues of Ohio Records & Pioneer Tea. Also, I noticed at Sutro a Dille family history, but I don't know whether that includes Dilleys.

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Feb 21, 1991

Dear Helen,

I thought I'd let you know that I talked with Mildred Schoolcraft today at the Church of God in Otsego where she had her lunch for the elderly they're called Senior Citizens Dinners.

Mildred is Thomas Root's daughter, she doesn't know a whole lot on the family but her sister Beatrice does. Bea lives in Allegan with her husband normally Bea comes to Plainwell to get Mildred every Thursday & takes her to the Senior Citizens Dinners in Otsego. But Bea couldn't do it today because she effected her husband to be released from the hospital today.

I asked Mildred at the dinner about Uncle Ralph Root & she told me that he lived & died in Plainwell & he's buried in the Plainwell cemetary. Mildred said that Uncle Ralph lived in Battle Creek during the war but outside of that he lived & in Plainwell Mildred also told me that Uncle Ralph's only

daughter was Katherine but she gave other names for children to Uncle Ralph.

And Mildred told me that Uncle Ben lived, died & was buried in Plainwell & these are the names of Uncle Ben's kids Charles, Florence, Ruth & Robert (died young).

Then Mildred told me that Aunt Maude (Root) & Uncle Bill Ellinger had 2 kids Harry & a girl & she married a Goldwood & they live(d) in Plainwell. I can't remember for sure if Mildred said they live in Plainwell or the lived Plainwell.

I will talk with Bea to get more exact info later also I want to get to the Plainwell ceme. to locate Uncle Ralph & Uncle Ben's tombstones so I can get us some dates & pictures. But before I go to the Plainwell ceme. I want a ~~bad~~ pulled muscle to heal first. My coughing has pulled the muscle lose on my left ribs, it's the muscle that goes to the breast & to breathe or move hurts. And to cough feels like someone is tearing part of my ribs & my boob off. I have bound myself up as best as I can to keep the muscle from tearing

more & I hope that muscle heals quickly. I can't wash curtains or do much of anything else until it heals because ~~the~~ any pull on the muscle won't let it heal & not only that it hurts. So if I keep myself ~~bon~~ bound up & take it easy for awhile the muscle should heal fairly quickly at least I hope so.

I told Helene what you said about the Immigration Records in Germany for Johannes & Maria. And I told Helene about the records being hard to find but to search for them & where to look & to ask around for the records. And by her finding those records it would greatly reduce my work & I told Helene that without those records I was searching for a needle in a hay stack. I haven't heard from Helene so I take it that she is trying to find those records in Germany & I explained to Helene that by her finding those records it would be cheaper for her. Also I explained to Helene that those records in Germany will tell us exactly where ~~so~~ Johannes & Maria immigrated to & if they immigrated to Canada or some-place else I would be waisting a lot of my time & her money for nothing.

daughter was Katherine but she gave other

I hope Helene's translater was able to translate that important info to her so Helene can find out when ~~[illegible]~~ the immigration took place & where Johannes & Maria immigrated to.

While Helene is looking for the immigration records I'm trying to figure out a fair price to quote her.

I gotta go it's getting late.

Sincerely,

Linda

1 March 1991

Dear Helen,

I found out the following info yesterday at the Senior Citizens Dinners at the Church of God in Otsego. I met ~~&~~ with 2 of Uncle Tom's daughters, Mildred & Bea plus Bea's husband & a lady who is related to us by marriage.

This info deals with John M. Root's children: Uncle Ralph went by the name Bob, his wife's name is Pauline & they had just 1 child, Kathleen, all 3 are dead now. Kathleen did marry & have a son but his name ~~&~~ & where abouts is unknown at this time.

Uncle Ben's son Charles used to live in Plainwell but he now lives in southern Florida. (Charles & his wife ~~&~~ celebrated their 50th anniversary last year.)

Aunt Maud & Uncle Bill Ellinger had 2 children, Harry & Margaret, Harry married a woman named Gladys & they had 4 children (2 boys & 2 girls). And Margaret married a Goldwood & they had a daughter, Margareet (Mär gär ēt).

A week ago yesterday I found out the following

info: Uncle Ralph lived & died in Plainwell & he's buried in the Plainwell ceme. & he lived mostly in Plainwell except during the war & then he lived in Battle Creek.

Uncle Ben lived & died in Plainwell & he's buried in the Plainwell ceme. & his children are Charles, Florence, Ruth & Robert (died young). Mildred told me, "Robert didn't live long." so I wrote down died young since he didn't "live long" I took it to mean he died young.

It is all set up that I will meet with Mildred, Bea & her husband & that lady who married into the family next Thursday at the Church of God in Otsego. I will ~~met~~ meet there every Thursday until I get all the info we need then I'll go to the Ellingers & get more info for us.

Oh, I also most forgot Henry Root, Tom's son, died a year or 2 ago (1989 or 1990), Mildred told me that last week when I called her to get info on the family.

I will try to go to the Plainwell ceme. to find Uncle Ralph & Uncle Ben's tombstones so I can get the dates off the stones & get pictures of the tombstones too. But I don't see how I can afford to get the pictures developed because the

new governor, John Engler, is making all kinds of budget cuts. Engler is making a 9.2% cut across the board & I lose $77 a month so I go from $91.50 for 2 weeks down to $53 for 2 weeks. But I'll get more food stamps in return because of the cut in my cash benefits.

John Engler is cutting welfare, ~~no~~ medicade, medicare, closing prisons & reducing prison guards, reducing the staff at the State Hospitals & benefits to the mentally ill, closing some Vet Hospitals & cutting the benefits to the Vets, case-workers in the welfare dept. are being laid off, & lots of state employees are being laid off.

John Engler says that the state is $1 billion in debt so he's making all these budget cuts all at once which will only increase the financial problems. John needs to do the cut backs in stages, a little at a time to reduce the impack of massive cut backs & lay offs so that the financial burden isn't greatly increased on the state.

I don't like John ~~Engler~~ Engler nor do I recongize him as the governor & I didn't vote for the nerd either.

John is a republican & he is hated in his

own party because John asked different people in the republican party to help him get what he wanted & if they would help him he would do this or that to help them. So the people helped John but when he was to do the stuff he promised he went behind the persons back & stabbed them in the back with some dirty dealings.

John is a two-faced double dealer that is hated by many & he can't be trusted & those statements came from the republican party. Now that's getting pretty bad when your own party says those things about you.

John Engler won't be governor long because it common knowledge that if the budget cuts went thru there would be a recall pation drive to dump him. The budget cuts are going thru so the recall will begin soon & believe me I'll definately sign the pation.

I gotta go so I can get stuff done around the house.

P.S. I just saw & heard my 1st robin!

Sincerely,
Linda

10 March 1991

Dear Helen,

I was just going thru the list of names I wrote down from the birth index for Allegan Co. & I found a few surprises.

Ralph L. Root is listed in the birth index & next to the name I have a note that says: "Brother to George Root". Uncle Ralp "Bob" was borned in Allegan Co. in 1891, the birth record film doesn't contain the records from 1889 to 1891 at the end of volume 4 of the film.

I found a couple more surprises but I'm not as sure on these ones in the Allegan Co. birth index list I have a Florence B. Root list & she was borned in 1910 she might be Ben Root's daughter because Uncle Ben has a daughter named Florence.

I have ~~to~~ 2 more names to go, so I lied at least I'm honest.

I have a Russell L. Root & a Carl F. Root listed in the Allegan Co. birth record index. Russ & Carl may be Thomas Root's sons because Uncle Tom has 2 sons named

Russ & Carl. Russell L. Root was born in 1918 & Carl F. Root was born in 1920

I might have another one of Uncle Tom's ~~kids~~ kids listed, so I can't count. Uncle Tom has a daughter named Madeline & I have a Madeline M. Root listed in the Allegan Co birth index, she was borned in 1925.

I have a Pauline M. Root listed & she was borned in 1920 & there's a note that says: "Ralph Root's wife". And I don't think Pauline, this one, is Uncle Ralph's wife because he was borned in 1891. Uncle Ralph married a lady named Pauline but I doubt very seriously that it is one nor the Pauline E. Root who was borned in 1918.

I just flipped to the marriage record index list I have with a list of names & I have Russel L. Root listed & he got married in 1940. And Carl F. Root is listed & he got married in 1941 & by both names there's a note stating Uncle Tom's son.

There is ~~George~~ George F. Root listed as being married in 1940 & a note of George & Lydia's son. I also have 2 ~~Arthur~~ Arthur Roots getting married in 1934 & 1938 I don't know if that

is George & Lydia's son too.

I have some miss information listed from my dunt Jean because I have writen down Ben Root's mom was an Ellinger & that isn't right because Ben's mom was a Hazen not an Ellinger. Aunt Jean also told me that Ben's brothers & sisters are Bea, Russ, Carl, Leo, Madeline, Mildred, Josephine, Henry & that isn't true they are Uncle Tom's kids not Uncle Ben's brothers & sisters.

I just noticed in the Allegan Co. Death Record Index I have a Pauline C. Root listed as dieing in 1918. I'm not sure if that's Uncle Ralph's wife or not I'll have to try & get to the Plainwell cem. to check out the tombstones for dates.

I'll try & get more info from Bea & Mildred on Thursday at the Senior Citizens Dinners.

Oh Helen! I almost forgot Bea told me last Thurs. that her grandpa (John M.) Root was living alone in 1911 & her parents (Tom & Clara) moved in to take care of her grandpa while he was sick. And when I told Bea her grandpa had re-married in 1910 & she

was surprised by it because her grandpa lived alone. And it reminded me of what you told me at the reunion about your thinking it was John M. who re-married but never lived with the woman. And from what Bea told me last Thurs. it tends to back up that statement.

I found out last Thurs. a little more on my great grandpa (George B.) Root & that is he worked as a logger in his younger days but when he got older he started a small moving company. There was may be 6 trucks in all & it was called Root's Moving Co. & when my great grandpa got out of the business his son Otis took it over. I was a small kid when Uncle Ottie ran it, the moving co. was on E. ~~Ham~~ Hammond St. in Otsego. But by the time I was 8 to 10 years old Uncle Ottie quit the moving business & he sold off the trucks.

I must go but I hope the info I gave you helps.

Sincerely,
Linda

Jan 1, 1991

Dear Helen,

I thought that I'd better reply to your letter right away before it gets buried under other mail. That 1880 census listing for the Hewitts is especially interesting because just above is a Leiter family and just after is Fickinger. That Fickinger felllow in Cleveland could not find our Fickinger family in his records. The mysterious Mrs Frazier may be a relative of Enos Williams. The IGI lists Aaron Frazier m Clinton OH 17 Dec 1860 Elizabeth J. Williams. Enos had a sister Elizabeth, but she m John Floro in 1864, so that doesn't fit very well. I called Floyd Quigg, the brother living in Ventura CA. He is very friendly and the next time I go south to visit my sister, we'll visit him. He lived with Simon in 1914, remembers that he had a big beard, that he got along well with his sisters, was very independent, walked 10 miles through the woods with a compass to guide him to attend Odd Fellows meetings in Cadillac (some story!), but he knows nothing of Vandosto. He remembers "aunt Melissa" and how their house partly burned while she was visiting Martha. Floyd lived most of life in Washington DC publishing a lumber industry newsletter. He has no photos. I think that the William I have listed must be the same person as Simon William. Martha doesn't list a William nor does Eugene Williams; I don't know where I got him! Floyd remembers his uncle Bill very well. I think that Marion probably turned Catholic & added the Francis, just like Otis Evan II added the Peter. I hope you visit the folks in Albion. I wish I was so close and could do it. I think that I'll have to go to MI someday if I ever want to look in Darlene's box of goodies. She sent me a Christmas card, but no present of any papers.

Mae Martin married a Werstler and her address in 1971 was 1727 Georgia Ave, Toledo 43613. Information told me that there is one Werstler, but the number is unlisted. Mae mentions that William Lindley was killed somehow. I've seen a brief newspaper clipping that said that he was killed by his wife's brother when he visited the home of Mrs Tibbetts, the mother of his wife. I suppose that he married his cousin, a daughter of Euretta Tibbets, sister of Lovica Foote.

There are a lot of new names in Martha's chart. I wonder why your family is the only one that she knew well. Augusta Lucretia seems to have been the only one to visit grandma Williams and so maybe they met there. That would mean that some of the unknown people in photos with Melissa may be Quiggs. The Dilleys lived in Ottawa Co off and on, didn't they? Could you give me their itinerary some time? I wish I could get the movements of all of these Root families straightened out. Joseph M. started out in Ottawa Co; I wonder whether he returned to visit? I think that Beach was not Beech, because Benoni is a Beach name. No one I've talked to so far knows where the name Beebe came from, or how the family got to the Ozarks. I have to check how they spell and pronounce it, Beebe or Bebe.

I only mentioned the possiblilty of sending an MS DOS disk

with ASCII files of data because it would be such an easy way to exchange information. When I get time, I want to write a program to import gedcom files, the type that PAF and most other genealogy programs use to exchange information.

This winter here is the pits. We've had less than an inch of rain, and now this terrible cold. It got down to 13 here while I was gone to Los Angeles. That killed, or at least damaged all of my hobby plantings, ruined all the citrus fruit, split some pipes. That is 10 deg below what I complained about last year!

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Married: 10 Jun 1855 Whiteford (can't find), MI
Died: 12 (14 eew, mmw) Feb 1865, Louisville, KY, small pox
Burial: Louisville, KY
Ref: LIX051
Father:
Mother:
Notes: in Co E 28th MI;
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WIFE: Victoria ROOT
Born: 22 Feb 1840 (EEW) 1841 (cem, mmw) Huron, OH
Died: 28 Oct 1922, Toledo, Lucas Co, OH
Burial: Locust Point Cem.
Ref: ROV005
Father: Vandosto Sprague ROOT
Mother: Lovica FOOTE
Second Husb.: Joseph WHITEHEAD m 1870
Notes: 1850 census (Sandusky Ballville) Victoria ROOT 10 OH with Orrin WOODWARD family; 1870 census (OH Ottawa 272 Benton 1/1) Victoria LINDLEY 28 wid keeping house -/200 OH, Seth 13 farmhand OH, Melissa 12 at home OH, Henry 9 OH, Lavilla? 8 OH, Melvina 6 OH, Lemon 6 OH; She drove the buggy when came to visit Gndma Williams, a small woman; why she m at 15 in MI???

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b 24 Feb 1860, Hopkins Twp, Allegan Co, MI, d 3 (24 eew) Feb

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b 6 May 1861, Hopkins Twp, Allegan Co, MI, d 30 May 1877 [Louisa on d rec transcription, 20 May], Locust Point, Ottawa Co, OH; in OS&SO home where died of homesickness (mmw);

5. Melvina Victoria (Mell)

b 10 Apr 1863, Hopkins Twp, Allegan Co, MI, d 1940s (mmw) bur nr Cleveland; in OS&SO home as bro Addison; m Ottawa Co 8 Apr 1889 Charles TANNER (TURNER eew, mmw); ch: twin dau, d yng, Raymond (res small farm, 5 ch, Chardon OH), Edna (b 1891 m late, d of blood glot in broken leg), Almeriam; took in washing; husb lost leg jumping a freight train, peg leg, quit drinking, became religious;

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b 21 Mar 1865, Hopkins Twp, Allegan Co, MI, d 22 Feb 1888, Locust Point m TIBBITS (maq); William LINDLEY killed by son of Mrs TIBETTS, bro of Lindley's wife (SanCoHer 6:1:37); never bright (mmw);

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HUSBAND: (Francis) Marion ROOT
Born: 4 May 1879 Sherman twp, Osceola Co, MI
Married:
Died: 10 Mar 1963 Cleveland
Burial:
Ref:
Father: Simon B. ROOT
Mother: Elizabeth A. PARKER/THACHER
Notes: info fm Wayne ROOT, 5356 E. 134th St, Garfield Heights, OH 44125; kids in orphanage so Martha Quigg took them in, later sent them back (Norman Quigg);

WIFE: Etta Mae ENGLER
Born:
Died:
Burial:
Ref:
Father:
Mother:
Notes:

CHILDREN:

1. William Elmer
   b 6 Sep 1907 m Marie; wid res Cleveland 216-341-4373
2. Mildred Alice
   b 16 Nov 1909 d 7 Apr 1943; ch: Alice m BONCHEK div, res Cleveland; Muriel m Julius LAROY, ca 12 ch, res LaSalle, MI
3. Aletha Elizabeth
   b 11 May 1911
4. Raymond Beebe
   b 17 Feb 1913
5. Maurice Allen
   b 4 Nov 1914 m Viola Marie COOKSON; 5ch inc Wayne 216-587-1865, 5356 E. 134 St, Garfield Heights OH 44125
5. Mary Etta
   b 8 Oct 1916 m COONEY?; res Toledo
6. Otis Evan (changed to Otis Peter (Pete) when became Catholic); 216-661-5023
7. Ellen Marie
   m John BAKO; res N. Ridgeville, OH

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Born: 4 May 1819 Sherman Twp, Osceola Co, MI
Married:
Died: 10 Mar 1863 Cleveland
Burial:
Ref:
Father: Simon B. ROOT
Mother: Elizabeth A. PARKER/TUACHER
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Born:
Died:
Burial:
Ref:
Father:
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   b 17 Feb 1913
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1865, 5356 E. 134 St, Garfield Heights OH 44125
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FAMILY GROUP SHEET

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Born: 2 Sep 1846 (1845 1900 cens, Wayne Root), Ottawa Co
Married: 29 Oct 1867 Allegan Co, MI, by James F. Stuck JP
Died: 26 May 1916, Lake City, MI
Burial: near Tustin, MI
Ref: ROV008
Father: Vandosto Sprague ROOT
Mother: Lovica FOOTE
Second Wife: Rowlsbey Cuykendall?? Helen Augusta
Notes: "worked on dairy farm in Hopkins, Allegan Co, in Homer, Calhoun Co, and res McBain, Missaukee Co" (Nina GAREY); m rec: Simon B. 25 [1842] res Hopkins, farmer, Elizabeth Ann PARKER 25 res same b NY m Allegan Village (LH); 1860 cens (Ottawa Co 39 Carroll) Simeon ROOT 14 with Eli Sadon [Saddoris]; 1865 Allegan Co, MI; 1880 census (Osceola Sherman) Simon B., par b NY, farmer, Elizabeth, Martha A. Simon W., Marion; 1900 census (Missaukee Riverside) only Simon W. and Marion; 1910 Missaukee Co, MI cens; 1910 census (Homer Calhoun) Simon B, 65, m2, 8 yr, OH, NY, NY, farmer; Helen, 59, no ch, MI, Thomas, Winnie, dau, 20, M1, 1 ch; Thomas, Ruth, dau, 4, S, MI; Homer is 2 mi S Albion, farm 1/2mi E? of Homer (Floyd Quigg); at some time family res in Ozarks near Joplin MO; used to travel cross country 10mi by compass to attend Odd Fellows Mtg in Cadillac (fq); orig homesteaded 160 ac (fq);

WIFE: Elizabeth Ann PARKER (Parker in IGI, Parker & Thacher in eew, THACHER Wayne Root)
Born: 4 May 1838 (1837 Wayne Root), Monroe Co, NY (1840 in 1900 cens)
Died: 31 Oct 1900 of paralysis
Burial:
Ref:
Father: (John THACHER)
Mother:
Notes: bro John;

CHILDREN: (ROS000)

1. Alice Cora ROOT
   b 7 Mar 1870 Allegan Co, d 18 Jul 1870
2. Martha Ann ROOT
   b 22 Jun 1871 Sherman Twp, Osceola Co, MI, m Wheatland MO 24 Nov 1887 Charles Clark QUIGG
3. Minerva ROOT
   b 8 Apr 1874, Osceola Co, MI, d 28 Dec 1875
4. Simon William ROOT
   b 25 July 1876, Sherman Twp, Osceola Co, MI, m1 Esther CLAYTON (d 11 Nov 1918) ch1 Hattie Evelyn 20 May 1910; m2 ?
5. Francis Marion ROOT (male)
   b 4 May 1879, Sherman Twp, Osceola Co, MI, d Cleveland 10 Mar 1963 m Etta Mae ENGLER: William Elmer, Mildred Alice, Aletha

FAMILY GROUP SHEET

HUSBAND: Simon Beebe ROOT
Born: 2 Sep 1846 (1845 1900 cens, Wayne Root), Ottawa Co
Married: 28 Oct 1867 Allegan Co, MI, by James F. Stuck JP
Died: 26 May 1916, Lake City, MI
Burial: near Tustin, MI
Ref: ROV008
Father: Vandosto Sprague ROOT
Mother: Lovina FOOTE
Second Wife: Rosabey Cuykendall??
Notes: "worked on dairy farm in Hopkins, Allegan Co, in Homer, Calhoun Co, and res McBain, Missaukee Co" (Nina GAREY); m rec: Simon B., 25 [1842] res Hopkins, farmer, Elizabeth Ann PARKER 25 res same b NY m Allegan Village (LH); 1860 cens (Ottawa Co 38 Carroll) Simeon ROOT 14 with Eli Sadon [Saddoris]; 1865 Allegan Co, MI; 1880 census (Osceola Sherman) Simon B., par b NY, farmer. Elizabeth, Martha A. Simon W., Marion; 1900 census (Missaukee Riverside) only Simon W. and Marion; 1910 Missaukee Co, MI cens: 1910 census (Homer Calhoun) Simon B, 65, m2, 8 yr, OH, NY, NY, farmer; Helen, 59, no ch, MI. Thomas, Minnie, dau, 20, MI, 1 ch: Thomas, Ruth, dau, 4, S, MI; Homer is 2 mi S Albion, farm 1\2mi E? of Homer (Floyd Quigg); at some time family res in Ozarks near Joplin MO; used to travel cross country 10mi by compass to attend Odd Fellows Mtg in Cadillac (lp); wrig homesteaded 160 ac (fp);

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2. Martha Ann ROOT
b 22 Jun 1871 Sherman Twp, Osceola Co, MI, m Nbeatland MO 24 Nov 1887 Charles Clark QUIGG
3. Minerva ROOT
b 8 Apr 1874, Osceola Co, MI, d 28 Dec 1875
4. Simon William ROOT
b 25 July 1878, Sherman Twp, Osceola Co, MI, ml Esther CLAYTON (d 11 Nov 1918) chl Hattie Evelyn 20 May 1910; m2 ?
5. Francis Marion ROOT (male)
b 4 May 1879, Sherman Twp, Osceola Co, MI, d Cleveland 10 Mar 1963 m Etta Mae ENGLER: William Elmer, Mildred Alice, Aletha

Elizabeth, Raymond Beebe, Maurice Allen, Mary Etta, Otis Evan, Ellen Marie

6. Otis Evan ROOT
b 25 Dec 1882, Osceola Co, MI, d 9 Sep 1883

(7. William ROOT
b Osceola Co ca 1887 m Missaukee Co ca 1903 Esther __ (Rose?); sons Richard & Robert? (Wayne Root), dau Harriet?; res Springfield MO and Albion, wife d Albion, moulder at Albion Maleable Iron Co (fq))

FAMILY GROUP SHEET

HUSBAND: Joseph WHITEHEAD
Born: 25 Feb 1847 (EEW mmw) 1848(cem, 1900 cens) Locust Pt, Carroll Twp, Ottawa Co, OH
Married: 30 Jul 1870 Ottawa Co
Div.: 14 Sep 1914 Ottawa Co
Died: 7 Jul 1940, Locust Point, Ottawa Co (uremia) next to bro
Burial: Locust Point Cem
Ref: WIC001
Father: Calvin WHITEHEAD 1813-1882
Mother: Sarah OGDEN 1816-1882
Notes: fisherman, farmer; jailed with son for trespassing, Dec 1893; 1880 census card (Ottawa Carroll 64/17) Joseph WHITEHEAD 32 OH, Victoria 37 [1843] MI, William LINDLEY 15 MI, George WHITEHEAD 8 OH, Elida dau! 7 OH, Cora 5 OH, Sarah 3 OH, Lilliann 8/12 OH; 1900 census (Ottawa Co Carroll Twp) m, farm labor, boards with John L. & Sarah Peters; 1910 census (Ottawa Co Carroll Twp) m 39 farm labor; called Pap, lived on Sand Beach Rd on edge of Gndpa Gyde's farm in shack on skids so could be moved around, once at Ned Humphrey's place, then,after RR cut through, moved by Toussaint Tavern, until he too old when moved by J.L. Peter's where he d; would get robbed by gypsies;

Another Joseph b Eng 1810 res Sandusky co, Joseph Jr b Eng 1836, res Townsend & Riley twp, Sandusky Co Joseph WHITEHEAD m Anna M. GEORGE 13 Jun 1865 & m Emma HARRIS 16 Nov 1865, Sandusky co (VR)

WIFE: Victoria ROOT
Born: 22 Feb 1840(EEW) 1841(cem mmw)(1839 maq), Locust Point or Huron, OH
Died: 28 Oct 1922, Toledo, Lucas Co, OH (cancer)
Burial: Locust Point Cem.
Ref: ROV005
Father: Vandosto Sprague ROOT
Mother: Lovica FOOTE
First Husb.: Eliada LINDLEY (LIX051)
Notes: v. religious, got divorce to get widow's pension as a Lindley, $90/quarter; small woman, she drove the buggy, the team, when came with gndma Williams; with Orrin WOODWARD Sandusky Co in 1850; 1900 census (Ottawa Co Carroll Twp) Victoria 59 [1841] mar 30y, 12 ch b 8 liv, landlady, Blanche 17, Cora Martin 25 div, May Martin b Dec 1893 pa b PA, Thomas Mackey b Jul 1899 pa b OH [who is this?]; lightening hit barn, burned with house, but insurance just ran out;

CHILDREN: (WHJ000)

1. George A.
b Ottawa Co 11 Aug 1871 d Saugerties, Ulster Co, NY 11 Jun 1955 bur Saugerties m 1 Nov 1896 Hattie RYAN; ch7: Vivian (m Clarence MILLER; ch: Erma), Leslie, Millard, Willard, Clinton (d 1940s), Clemons, George (d yng),

2. (Joseph) Eliada
b Ottawa Co 18 Dec 1872 d Toledo 22 Sep 1963 bur Locust Pt Cem m 26 Apr 1918 (E. Lidia J. in IGI) Josephine WINKLER (b 19 Mar 1875 Russian Poland d 7 Feb 1932 Toledo, Locust Pt Cem); both Eliada & Josie drank until she d of poisoned drink, then he quit;

3. Cora E.
b Ottawa Co 27 Jan 1875 d 27 Feb 1954 "Cora E. Weyhe, mother 1875-1954" Catawba Cem, [and F.W. Weyhe, father 1853-1928; Mary E. wife of F.W. 1858-1902; Elton Lamar 3-29-1896 d 4-6-1968; Fred W. 1884-1962] m1 25 Jul 1893 John W. MARTIN (IGI); m2 8 Dec 1904 F.W. WEYHE (B.F. maq)(see 1900 Ottawa Co cens (hhr)); chm1 : Mae (b Dec 1893), Thomas (Tommy); chm2 : Victoria (b Catawba 23 Oct 1906 to F.W. WHEYE/Cora E. WHITEHEAD (vr)), Laura, Naomi (in school (1971 letter, Mae's dau?)); Cora visited in Pt Clinton; Mae a hard worker, saw Mae a lot, was typist, probably lived & worked in Pt Clinton for a while, before & after lived Toledo; supported Cora in Toledo before Cora m (Catawba Island); one of Mae's dau retarded (BG), dau Naomi in school 1971; note to Nina fm Mrs J.W. Martin 25 May 1895; Cora not liked by the Peters-too bossy (vob); Cora's dau Victoria, husb Ed, had cousin Toledo (vob); Mae Martin WERSTLER, 1727 Georgia Ave, Toledo 43613 (1971) unlisted #; (Mary Weyhe d 22 Nov 1902, m, 44y 8m 14d [b 8 Mar 1858] VR); (Doris M. Weyhe 1883-1929 m George P. Seufert 1880-1934 Lakeview Cem)

5. Sarah J.
b Locust Pt 17 Oct 1876 d Oct 1939 bur Rushaw Cem m 5 May 1895 John L. PETERS ch8 (see)

6. Lillian Olivia
b Carroll twp 10 Sep 1879 d Ottawa Co 8 Aug 1913 bur Union (Oak Harbor) Cem m 9 Feb 1905 John H. BORCK (b 1879 d 1966) ch5 Vera, Helen (m 1947 Harry CROWE ch: Ramona (m1 Alvin HAYES d 1964 m2 Hall SHIELDS)), Frederick, Lillian & Lynden

7. Blanche O.
b Ottawa Co 29 Mar 1882 (3 in 1900 census, mmw) d 25 Feb 1958 bur Forest Cem Toledo m 24 Feb 1906 Edward PRANGE (d 7 Aug 1920 maq); ch2: Chester, Victor; Blanche lived in Oak Harbor, visited sometimes, played with gndma Walters - Whitehead and Saddoris girls

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Cem m 26 Apr 1913 (E. Lidia b. in IDI) Josephine WINKLER (b
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quit;

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1875-1954" Catawba Cem, [and F.W. Maybe, father 1853-1928; Mary
E. wife of F.W. 1858-1902; Elton Lamar 3-29-1898 d 4-8-1968; Fred
W. 1884-1962] ml 25 Jul 1893 John W. MARTIN (IDI); m2 8 Dec 1904
F.W. WEYHE (B.F. mad)(see 1900 Ottawa Co cens (bbr)); chml : Mae
(b Dec 1893). Thomas (Tommy); chm2 : Victoria (b Catawba 23 Oct
1906 to F.W. WHEYE\Cora E. WHITEHEAD (vr)). Laura. Naomi (in
school (1971 letter, Mae's dau?)); Cora visited in Pt Clinton;
Mae a hard worker, saw Mae a lot, was typist, probably lived &
worked in Pt Clinton for a while, before & after lived Toledo;
supported Cora in Toledo before Cora m (Catawba Island); one of
Mae's dau retarded (DC). dau Naomi in school 1971; note to Miss
Tm Mrs J.W. Martin 25 May 1895; Cora not liked by the
Peters-too bossy (vob); Cora's dau Victoria, husb Ed, had county
Toledo (vob); Mae Martin WERNSTLER, 1727 Georgia Ave, Toledo 43613
(1971) unlisted #; (Mary Weyhe d 22 Nov 1902, m, 44y 8m 14d [b 8
Mar 1858] VR); (Doris M. Weyhe 1883-1929 m George P. Seufert
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visited sometimes, played with grndma Walters - Whitehead and
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FAMILY GROUP SHEET

HUSBAND: Jacob R. WILFONG
Born: ca 1836
Married: 9 Dec 1855 Sandusky Co, Amos Fenn, min
Died:
Burial:
Ref:
Father:
Mother:
Notes: 1860 census (Hancock 105 Pleasant /1450) J.R. WILLFONG 24 [1836] $2000/500 OH, Aurora 22 [1838] OH, Florance J. 2 [1858], Henry FAST 17 Lab OH; in Co G 21st OVI (OS&SO rec)(pens ordered Nov 1990);

(1850 cens (Ross 303 Jefferson) Louisa WILFONG 15 (1835) OH with James 56 [1794] & Eliza Vause 52 [1798] & 3ch; 1850 cens(Hancock 417 Pleasant) David WILFONG 66 (1784) VA, Sarah 49 MD blind, Jacob 16 (1834) OH, Nancy A. 9 OH)

WIFE: Aurora ROOT
Born: 8 Dec 1837, Huron twp, Erie Co
Died: 3 Apr 1912, MI
Burial:
Ref: ROV004
Father: Vandosto Sprague ROOT
Mother: Lovica FOOTE
Other Husb.: MEYERS, Henry ACKLEY, Amasa SHORT, Adam PICKARD

CHILDREN: ACP000

1. Florence J.
Lakeview Cem (1858-uncut) m Ottawa Co 14 Sep 1877 J.W. HOUTS; in OS&SO Home with William P. WILFONG, admitted 20 Sep 1872 fm Roanoke,discharged in 1874;

2. William P.
admitted to OS&SO home 20 Sep 1872 fm Roanoke, discharged 20 Jul 1882

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Died:
Burial:
Ref:
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Mother:
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[1836] $2000\300 OH, Aurora 22 [1838] OH, Florance J. 2 [1858]
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Born: 8 Dec 1837, Huron twp. Erie Co
Died: 3 Apr 1912, MI
Burial:
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20 Jul 1882

FAMILY GROUP SHEET

HUSBAND: Ervin HEWITT
Born: ca 1818, NY
Married: 8 Dec 1850, Erie Co, OH, by Hiram S. Marble MG
Died:
Burial:
Ref: HEX001
Father:
Mother:
Notes: 1860 OH census (Huron Bronson 932/1876) Irving HEWETT 38 farm lab assets blank NY, Calista 24 [1836] NY, Edwin 8 OH, Louisa 6 OH, Tryphena 4, Florence 2, Carrie E. 10/12; neg PAF; 1880 census (Ottawa Benton) Ervin HEWITT 62 [1818] com labor NY NY [?], Lista 47 [1833] OH NY [?], Eva 18 OH, Katie 8 OH, next: John FICKENGER 47 [1833] com laborer OH OH [?], Katie 35 Ireland, prev: Lovisa LEITER 26 IA NY [?], Aurther 4 OH [?] [?];

WIFE: Collista Diana ROOT
Born: 1 July 1833, Ossian, Livingston Co, NY (1832 on stone)
Died: 19 Nov 1922 (maq)
Burial: Union Cem, Oak Harbor, Row 11, Sect B
Ref: ROV002
Father: Vandosto Sprague ROOT
Mother: Lovica FOOTE
Notes: not with Vandosto in 1850 census, but 1850 census (OH Erie 388 Oxford) Selista ROOT 16 [1834] with William PARISH 68 farmer 6000 NH, Betsy 53 CT, Angeline WHEELER 5 OH, & 3 laborers; "Colista & Cathaline in Buffalo, NY, in 1900, 1880 Ottawa Co, OH" (HHR); ca 1917 always wore white, almost blind (vob); Mrs C.D. Hewitt, 151 W. Utica St., Buffalo NY in 1907 (postcard);

CHILDREN: (HEE050) neg PAF

1. John Edwin HEWITT
   b 21 Nov 1851 Erie Co d 30 Oct 1920 (maq) m 4 Jun 1874 Elizabeth NOEGLE; m Tillie (maq);
2. Abigal L. HEWITT
   b 5 Feb 1853 m C.O. LEITER; (C.O. LEITER m Alice T. HEWIT 12 Jun 1873 Ottawa; Geo. T. LEITER b Wyandot 5 Dec 1873 C./Elizabeth SMITH (IGI)); called Lavisa, m LITER and Frank LESLIE (maq);
3. Triphena A. HEWITT
   b 30 Dec 1855 d 1896 m Joseph RAHM (eew); m Charles REIHM (maq); ch: Charles, Ed., Melissa, Arthur, Hillis (maq);
4. Florence M. HEWITT
   b 24 Oct 1857 m1 Sandusky 18 Nov 1876 Charles SCOTT (IGI) m2 25 Mar 1885 Jesse A. CROSHAW (but: J.A. CROSHAW m Henry Co OH 25 Mar 1885 Nellie WARD and J.A. CROSHAW m Wood Co, OH, 10 Apr 1878 Allie WRIGHT, IGI)(Jesse b 30 Nov 1864 Stockton CROWSHAW/Ellen FAIRMAN, No. Richmond, Richmond, Jefferson Co, OH (IGI)); called Melissa, m Jesse CROSHAW (maq);
5. Carrie E. HEWITT
   b 8 Aug 1859 m Walter FICKINGER; ch: Pearl, Paul, Fredericke

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Died:
Burial:
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Father:
Mother:

Notes: 1850 OH census (Huron Bronson 932\1876) Irving HEWETT 32
farm lab assets blank NY. Calista 24 [1826] NY. Edwin 8 OH,
Louisa 6 OH, Tryphena 4, Florence 2, Carrie E. 10\12; neg PAF:
1880 census (Ottawa Benton) Ervin HEWITT 62 [1818] com labor NY
NY [?], Lista 47 [1833] OH NY [?], Eva 18 OH, Katie 8 OH, next:
John FICKENGER 47 [1833] com laborer OH OH [?], Katie 35
Ireland, prev: Lovisa LEITER 26 IA NY [?]. Another 4 OH [?] [?]:

WIFE: Calista Diana ROOT
Born: 1 July 1833, Ossian, Livingston Co, NY (1832 on stone)
Died: 18 Nov 1922 (mag)
Burial: Union Cem, Oak Harbor, Row 11, Seat B
Ref: ROV002
Father: Vandosio Sprague ROOT
Mother: Lovisa FOOTE
Notes: not with Vandosio in 1850 census, but 1850 census (OH Erie
388 Oxford) Sallista ROOT 16 [1834] with William PARISH 62 farmer
6000 NH, Betsy 53 CT, Angeline WHEELER 5 OH, & 3 laborers:
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Jun 1873 Ottawa; Geo. T. LEITER b Wyandot 5 Dec 1875 C.\Elizabeth
SMITH (IGI)); called Lavisa, m LITER and Frank LESLIE (mag):
3. Tryphena A. HEWITT
b 30 Dec 1855 d 1856 m Joseph RAHM (gen); m Charles REHM
(mag); ch: Charles, Ed., Melissa, Arthur, Hillis (mag):
4. Florence M. HEWITT
b 24 Oct 1857 mj Sandusky 18 Nov 1878 Charles SCOTT (IGI) mJ
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FAIRMAN, No. Richmond, Richmond, Jefferson Co, OH (IGI)): called
Melissa, m Jesse CROSHAW (mag);
5. Carrie E. HEWITT
b 8 Aug 1859 m Walter FICKINGER: ch: Pearl, Paul, Fredericke

6. May E. HEWITT
b 5 May 1861 d 18 Aug 1882
7. Ervin HEWITT
b Nov 1863 d 1 Nov 1920 (maq) m 6 Nov 1884 Wood Co, OH, (IGI) Matilda CLARK; ch: Dan (maq)
8. Charles E. HEWITT
b 7 Mar 1866 d 9 Oct 1868
9. James W.S. HEWITT
24 Apr 1868 d 7 Aug 1868; is this Saddoris mentioned by maq?
10. Katheryn V. HEWITT
b 11 Aug 1871 Benton twp Ottawa Co (Katie V. b Ottawa Co to Ervin Hewit/Calesta D. Rutt (vr); Katie HEWITT, Weston, OH, 7 Jul 1891 (Nina's Mem Book);
(Eva HEWITT b ca 1862, Cathaline HEWITT b Aug 1871, OH (HHR))
(Eva HEWITT m Dent MO 17 Feb 1887 John BOWMAN, IGI)

6. Mary E. HEWITT
b 5 May 1861 d 18 Aug 1882

7. Ervin HEWITT
b Nov 1863 d 1 Nov 1920 (msd) m 6 Nov 1884 Wood Co, OH,
(IOI) Matilda CLARK; chr Dan (msd)

8. Charles E. HEWITT
b 7 Mar 1868 d 9 Oct 1868

9. James W.S. HEWITT
24 Apr 1888 d 7 Aug 1888; is this Saddoris mentioned by msd?

10. Katheryn V. HEWITT
b 11 Aug 1871 Benton twp Ottawa Co (Katie V. b Ottawa Co to
Ervin Hewit\Celesta D. Rutt (vr); Katie HEWITT, Weston, OH, 7 Jul
1891 (Nina's Mem Book):
(Eva HEWITT b ca 1862, Catharine HEWITT b Aug 1871, OH (HUK))
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up any blank ones either because the ribbon ~~cartridge~~ a cartridge is almost empty. And I don't have money to buy a ribbon cartridge - the joys of being poor. Plus I try to write letters in search of more information for us & I'm trying to put contact paper on the walls in the kitchen & bathroom to cover some ugly olive green bicentenial print that has been in the trailer since it was new. And I have to schedule a dis. appt. for that Michigan Rehab stuff I'm checking into. And there is all the church things that we are into & Alesia's Brownies stuff plus housework.

I gotta go it's 25 to 11 & morning comes early so I can get Alesia off to school.

Sincerely,

Linda

sheets from the L.D.S. (Latter Day Saints) Church will fit into a notebook so I have to cut the end off that the L.D.S. members use for their temple work to be recorded on. And if those sheets are still too big then I'll have to completely re-do all my family group sheets so that they will fit a notebook otherwise the sheets will get ~~to~~ ~~[illegible]~~ torn.

I got some information from my cousin Penny in Canada yesterday & I added it to the family group sheets you sent me that I'm stilling work on. But there is other information that Penny gave me that isn't on the sheets I won't write it in this letter at this time but if you want it just let me know & I'll send it to you or you can write Charlie for it. I'm sending a copy of the names & dates that Penny gave me to Charlie.

I'm trying to make up blank family group sheets for Dec. 29th when my dad's side of the ~~[illegible]~~ family (Holmes) has our Christmas at the VFW Post in Otsego. I'm trying to up date my genealogy records but I'm ~~to~~ limited to what I can do without blank family group sheets & I can't type

~~in and~~ included in there too? Example of what I mean with the Root & Holmes family trees would I put family group sheets of my parents, myself, my brother & ~~me~~ our children in ~~that~~ the Root family history & then include that ~~that~~ very same information in the Holmes family history too? I would think that the group sheets would ~~not~~ need to be in each book to show that we were related to that branch of the family tree & so that some time in the future the future generations will be able to look over a complete record of their past roots.

I want to be sure before I do break the information down into books. I would like to get the info broke down into books before Christmas time because several people on my dad's side of the family are expressing interest in seeing the info I have on that side of the family. So I want to break it down into books so that the info is easier to go thru & look at. Do you put the recent info in the front of the book & go backwards in order or is it the other way around?

There is no way my big yellow family group

Nov. 1, 1990

Dear Helen,

I have ran into a snag & I need some help. I've written to Jackson Prison in search of my great grandpa Roots prison record but they don't have anything in their records on a George B. Root.

Then I remember my parents saying that Grandpa spent time in Ionia, so I wrote to the Ionia Co. Court House in search of the information & they don't have the information either.

Since neither Ionia nor Jackson Prison has my great grandpas jail term or prison term information what would be the next step? I don't think my grandma, my parents & my aunt are lieing about it.

I have another question for you dealing with breaking my information down into 4 separate book - 1 for each side of my family tree. Do I put a family group sheet in each book of a secific grandparent thats related to that family tree & have a family group sheets dealing with my parents, my brother & I & our children

son named Russell Root who lives on E. Bridge St. in Plainwell. And Russ has a wife named Kate & Kate is also related to me before marriage because she is a relative on my moms side of the family.

I gotta go its close to 11:15 p.m. & morning comes early.

Sincerely,
Linda

Art had been sober for 17 years then after a short time of being on Social Security disability Art began to drink again. And toward the end of his life Art wouldn't take care of himself (bathe) & by then Esther had left Art. And Richard took Art in his home for awhile but it created a lot of problems so Richard made Art move out.

And while I talked to ~~Don~~ Ron last night I was able to get Jim & Dawn's phone numbers. And I was able to talk to Jim tonight & it was from Jim that I was able to get the exact year of his birth & Dawn's birth & Jim gave me the info on his past marriages & his up coming marriage in Nov.

That is all I have dealing on Art Root & kids from Esther & as soon as I get a hold of Dawn I might be able to come up with more info on Dawn & hopefully Mary too.

I have an interesting tid bit of info for you: Tom Root - John M. Root's son - has a

Oct. 21, 1990

Dear Helen,

I'm still working on those family group sheets that you sent me & the information is coming slowly because when I call people they aren't home.

I tried calling Lorraine Doubblestein Squires but I didn't get any answer & when I did get an answer I found that Lorraine is in Florida until April. I was able to get her FL phone number but when I call the number I don't get an answer.

Last night I called Art Root's adopted son ~~Don~~ ~~Donald~~ Ronald Deneau Root & I was able to get the following info on Uncle Art (ref. 22-6 CS).

Art Root born: 22 July 1913 in Cadillac, Wexford Co., MI, Art & Esther got married in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI.

~~CHILDEN~~ CHILDREN

1) Jame Arthur Root born: 13 Sept. 1947 in Kalamazoo married: ① Sharon Curran 25 Jan. 1965 divorced in 1972, no children, ② Janice Pettengill (Jim didn't give me much info on her except a phone number) 1 child ~~dau~~ Sarah Root

born: 15 Feb. 1979 in Jackson, Jackson Co., MI.
Divorced: ?, Janice had a son Paul Rowden
born: 28 Aug. 1971 he was 10 months old when
Jim married Janice & he adopted Paul.

Jim Root is going to get married to
Maria "Marie" Louise Sonnichson on 17 Nov. 1990
in Kalamazoo. Marie was borned 3 March 1958
in St. Joseph, Berrier Co., Mi her biological
parents are: Fred Sonnichson & Mary Lou
Cantinia (Marie was adopted).
2) Dawn Root born: 26 Dec. 1948 in Kalamazoo
3) Mary Root born: 2 Feb. 1954 in Kalamazoo
~~Donald~~ Ronald related this story to me last
night about Art Root.
When Art was 56 years old he fell off a
ladder & hurt his shoulder he went to
the dr. about it. The dr. found that Art
degenerative arthritis in his neck & the dr.
sent Art to ~~Detroit~~ Detroit to another dr. &
he put Art on ~~a~~ disability (Social Security
disability). ~~Don~~ Ron told me that Art was a
hard working man & suddenly he couldn't do
all of the things he used to do & ~~Don~~ Ron figures
that it was the beginning of the end for Art.

Oct. 13, 1990

Dear Helen,

Here is copies of the funeral cards that I told you about & I also enclosed a copy of Cookie Dahn's obituary from the Otsego Union. I wasn't sure if you wanted it or not so I thought I'd send it & you can be the judge.

I got quite a few old pictures that my aunt let me borrow & tomorrow afternoon after we get home from church I'll get copies made of some of the pictures. The pictures will be of people that I can identify & I'll send the ones I can't identify later & hopefully someone will have named the people in the pictures.

Thursday when I was in Allegan I stopped in to the Allegan Co. Court House & the marriage & death records are open to the general public but the birth records are sealed to the general public. The records can be seen between 8:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays.

Today while my aunt & I was going thru

my late grandmas old pictures my aunt found some info on Leroy Holmes.
Leroy Gene Holmes died June 7, 1925 at the age of 3 yrs. 6 months & 15 days so he was borned Dec. 22, 1921.

In the pictures my aunt let me borrow there is a picture of Leroy when he was 3. There is pictures of George B. Root & Lydia Fearless Root, there is a family photo of George & Lydia Root with their children in 1924, Cookie Dahn, Alfred & Florence Root, Otis & Jean Root with Alfred, etc.

My aunt told me that Uncle Alfred's wife Florence committed suicide by taking an over dose of ~~aspirin~~ aspirin back in 1957.

Well I gotta go its almost 11:30 p.m. & we have to get up in the morning for Sunday School & church.

P.S. Nearly all of the photos that my aunt let me borrow has been identified & as soon as I can afford to get copies made I'll send you more copies of pictures.

Love,
Linda

Oct. 16, 1990

Dear Helen,

I went thru the phone book & I got addresses for some of the relatives that we have blank spots in information. And for the relatives who live in the local calling area I will call them for the information we need.

I found a James R. Root in Kalamazoo but I don't know if he is Art Root & Esther Baldwin Deneau's son or not. I'll call him later & ask & if he is then I will get all the info I can from him & get his sisters addresses & phone numbers.

I found Rick Root's address & phone number in the phone book so I'll call Rick later to get the info we need to fill in those ~~&~~ blanks.

I found Lorraine Squires address in the phone book so I'll try & contact Lorraine, she is Irene Root Doubblestein's daughter. I'm in hopes of getting Lorraine to shed some light on herself & Gib plus her brothers.

Also I found a Russell Root in the phone

book but I have to call another person first because I've forgotten how Russ is related to us also his wife is related to me on my mother's side of the family.

I'm also going to have to write to a few people in search of information. So I'd better get busy & start writing.

One thing before I go ~~I [illegible] today~~ last Sunday (Oct. 14th) I was baptised in the First Congregational Church in Otsego.

Sincerely,

Linda

Wed. Nov 28, 1990

Dear Helen,

Here are copies of the pictures that Beryl took after I ran out of film. I don't think that the one I've labeled as possibly Collista was labeled. The label on the one of the couple, Lovica Colesta/Leslie???, we couldn't figure out when I was there. I've asked Beryl to look at it and some of the others again. There were more of the Floros too. Now, if we can only get copies of the glass plates.

You may well be right about the earlier unidentified picture being Simon B., especially compared with the old farm scene. But Simon and Joseph Whitehead still look almost identical to me except for the ears. The same goes for the new one that Beryl & I thought might be Pap Whitehead. The 1913 reunion picture still bothers me. You know Ralph Saddoris, who was there in the front row, said that the fellow next to Melissa was Joseph Whitehead (although apparently he wasn't sure at first) and next to him was Simon B. Root. That fellow wasn't old enough to be Simon B., so who could he be? Ida Paupuard is there, could it be her husb? He looks too old, but I've never seen his picture. Also, Mrs Frazier is right behind him so maybe he is Mr Frazier, whoever they are.

Beryl has a glass plate of the picture you sent me of "Root child, Mrs Simeon Root, Victoria or Colista, Mimmie Dilley, etc". It is labeled: Lockie Shepherd, Victoria Whitehead, Mrs Dilley, Mrs Williams, Mary & son & Minnie Neitfeld". The Shepherds are a problem. I'm enclosing all I know of them. Vera Borck has sent some photos of the family, but has never replied to my questions of WHO ARE THEY? None of the photos has Lockie Shepherd. I don't know Minnie Neitfeld, or Clarissa Nehiser or even Mary Marlowe! Can you straighten this out?? It doesn't even mention Simon's wife. Actually, that woman doesn't look like the Matilda Root in the 1913 reunion photo. Maybe she really is Minnie Neitfeld. Or maybe Nehiser is Neitfeld?? Looks like Augusta's sister.

Yes, that sure looks like Blanche Pupuard (what is the right way to spell that name?). I'm glad to get another picture of your Aunt Ida. I guess that it is time to write to Jerry and Darlene again. I can send them Christmas cards to remind them that I'm still here. I'm sorry I confused things by sending the picture of Ozella Davenport. She's not in your line. Her husband Dan's mother was Jane Saddoris, sister of Elias.

I'm enclosing a sheet showing identifications for some pictures I sent long ago that were copied from Aunt Nina's album. The new pictures show who they are, more Floros!!

I don't know anything about Fickingers either. But I called the only Fickinger in the Cleveland phone book and found a genealogist who has 1000 Fickingers in his computer! He is the last Fickinger in the area. I've sent him what info I have, which is less than you have since I don't know Carrie and Walter's death date or his birth date. He didn't know the family

offhand. I've called a bunch of Roots in Cleveland, but no relations so far. Now, if only someone would call all the Hewitts in Toledo...

I'm spending quite a bit of time on the Crippens right now, writing to people and reading films from Salt Lake. I have 53 Crippen group sheets now. I'm finding other people with ancestors lost in the same area of Litchfield Co Ct/Dutchess Co NY north thru Berkshire Co MA/Columbia Co NY. Today I read a film covering scattered tax rolls in Ontario Co 1813-1822. There was no Root listed in Brighton in 1818, so I guess John didn't own much then. Unfortunately, that is the only year listed for Brighton. Records there are sure minimal. There was a Wm Root in Penfield 1818, and a Stephen Root in Ontario twp 1822.

Do you use 3 1/2" disks? If so, I can send you a disk with all the Crippens or whatever on it in as an ASCII file in MS DOS format. The only problem is in the naming. My path names are like: group/root/vandosto,foote. But MS DOS only allows 8 characters. I haven't figured out a simple way to short the file name, eg vandosto,foote, to 8 characters and still be unique. If you are interested in receiving such files, I'll experiment with just shortening each name, eg vand,foo.

I finally finished painting my downspouts and garage door, which allows me to empty the garage of the painting stuff, which allows me to build many feet of shelving, which allows me to put away lots of paper in cardboard magazine boxes that was stacked piles here and there. Next I'll go through all the papers that you've sent me, like the recent batch that came fm Jerry and all the census reports, and get it updated and referenced. It sure requires discipline to reference everything. My word processor program allows foot and end notes, but I have to use superscripts for repeats of the same reference. Then, if I later add another reference, the program automatically changes all the later numbers, but, of course, not the superscript numbers. It sure is easy to get the numbers mixed up. I never have moved all the group sheets to my data base. I can search for names just as fast with the word processor program as with the data base program, although I can't do very complex searches.

Charlie

Glenn

Friday Dec 14, 1990

Dear Helen,

I'll bring you up to date on what has transpired the last two weeks. I called two more of Simon's desc in Cleveland, but they knew nothing and didn't care much. Lets see, I talked to Otis Evan, s/o Francis Marion; he has converted to Catholicism and changed his name to Otis Peter to have a Catholic name, now called Pete. I also talked to William Elmer's widow, but it turns out that he died 22 years ago so she wasn't much interested! But she did say that "those people" were scattered all over the place. The general story was that the family grew up in the Ozarks, near Joplin MO. Youngest son William had sons Richard and Robert, had m a Rose (we have Esther). More on this family later!

So then I tried the Quiggs. I talked to a couple of them in Albion before finding Howard Claucherty (hard to pronounce, I can't do it just right yet; like clow-a-tee). He used to be a builder, now building inspector, collects old cars, specializes in 4 cyl dodge, has practically a museum of them! He is real laid back. He got out his box of stuff from his mother, has another box in his barn out of town someplace. This stuff was sent to his mother, Bertha Pearl Quigg, who had corresponded with her Uncle Bill who lived in Springfield MO. When he was feeling the end coming, he wrote to her and asked that she keep the family records that he was sending her. Howard has all these letters. He dug around in this box and read stuff as he found it. He has these shears, hand made, with a tag saying that they were a wedding present to Simon's parents in Rochester "about 1820". The other Quiggs I talked to had heard of these shears. Howard said he'd talk it over with his wife, but may send me everything but the shears. I said I'd be happy to get copies. He is very friendly and said that he'd be glad to have you visit him if you'd like to look over what he has. He said his cousin Duane has stuff too. He and Duane are close, hunt together. So I called Duane. He has already written back! I'm enclosing the family tree he sent that Martha made. I'm happy that Nicholas and Eunice are on it! I only rec'd it today and haven't checked it all for anything new. But note the RW ref for Nicholas! The battle of Stillwater is more often called the battle of Freeman's Farm, or the first battle of Bemis's Heights. It was on the Hudson above Albany on 19 Sep 1777. It was one of the last battles before Burgoyne gave up. From what I've read, they called out people in the middle of the night to march to these fights that would last a few hours and then they'd go back home again. So the records are pretty poor as to who was there. But we should be able to find out whether Nicholas' Militia unit was called out for that battle. Great Barrington was called out the earlier battle at Bennington but I don't remember that they were for that later battle.

I see that Martha has Benona Beech, not Beach. That's a big difference since both are common surnames and I only usually

Dear Helen,

look for Beach, it being too much work to look at both. So they had a son William killed in the CW. I'll try to find him. Duane writes that the bible he has was given to Martha by her father. So is not the family bible. He doesn't say whether this outline is what he refered to as the family history written by Martha. He says that he will look for more to send me. I sent both Howard and Duane a $1.45 load of stuff. Then I called Martha's sons Norman and John who live near me near San Francisco. They don't have much in the way of photos, but they have lots of memories and stories to tell. They are very interested in knowing more about the family and I'll be visiting them both after Christmas. One of them said that Martha had a hard time living with her father, he being an atheist and I don't know what else. I don't know whether they ever heard anything about Vandosto. Uncle Bill's family lived with them for a while, but they were so undisciplined that Martha sent them packing. There is another brother ~~William~~ Elwyd living in Ventura CA, said to have worked on family history. But also said to be an unpleasant person and not willing to share ~~it~~ with anyone else. I haven't called him yet! Everyone describes Martha has a marvelous person, poet, musician, mule driver, an inspiration! One guy said that he remembers going out with her, his grandma, he a little boy, looking at stones; she was interested in everything.

"on her birth"

I had wanted to visit Vera Borck when I was back there, but she was in AZ visiting some niece then. I sent her photos when I got home and now she has sent me this letter from Mae Martin. It pretty much tells the whole sad story of the Lindleys. I don't remember whether Mae is still alive. I'd like to meet her, because I've heard so much about her. But I think that she is gone.

That's all I can think of right now.

Charlie

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Charli

Feb 22, 1991

Dear Helen,

I haven't heard from you for a while, hope you are well. I've enclosed Jacob Wilfong's sad Civil War story. I haven't sent for his pension record because the Archives hasn't sent me blank forms for a long time. Have you heard of anyone else having trouble getting the forms? I wonder whether they will accept copies, probably not. Perhaps, because of budget problems, they are trying to cut down on genealogist's requests. Did you ever send for the service record for Morgan Root? You sent me the pension records long ago.

I don't have anything new to report. I haven't found out anymore on Eunice Root White, but I have some Chenango histories coming on loan from a library. I suspect that I was wrong to associate Eunice's Daniel with the son of Hugh White of Whitesboro. I'm mainly working on the Footes. I have a theory now that Calvin Foote's mother was a Williams, great grandmother or distant aunt of Enos Williams, and that is why Vandosto and family stayed with Nehemiah Williams when they came to Ottawa Co. But it seems odd if that were the case, that Melissa wouldn't have known it and told Eugene.

The almonds started to bloom this week, it is just like spring, warm and dry. The weather is so weird that no one knows what to expect next. One of the main industries in Oakdale is a tomato cannery. But there may not be enough water to grow many tomatoes this year!

Charlie

March 14, 1992

Dear Helen,

We've had a spring-like week of warm weather, but today is a bit wet. I didn't get around to spraying my almonds with a fungicide during the bloom and now I'm praying that I don't lose my crop. At least it was a very warm winter with no late frost to worry about, so far. I planted out tomatoes and eggplant last week, gambling that we'll have no more frost. We've had almost a normal year for rainfall here, but not in the mountains where the snow pack provides water for next summer.

I got in touch with the Meyers family today. Linda sent me the names and numbers for two Eugene Meyers in Plainwell and the first one I called turned out to be Iddo's grandson. He sounds pretty old, but very alert and interested in family history. He had received one letter from Ruth Witherell. He doesn't know anything before Samuel, and not much about him, it seems. He had an old photo album, but most of it was burned. He saved a few pictures from it, but they are not labeled. He was willing to look into copying them. He eats at the same senior citizen place that Linda goes to with her aunts, so I guess they will soon be getting together. He knows some other relatives and knew Maurice Ackley (not Meyers), pronounces morris, like my "uncle" Maurice Williams. I wonder whether that is a family name? Eugene D. Meyers, 663 Melrose, Plainwell MI 49080 (616) 685-1103.

Ruth Witherell seems like a real worker. She sent a larger copy of VS's picture, and some of the Meyers and Ellingers; I haven't copied them yet. She is getting some more copies made because she isn't satisfied with the quality of these. And I think she has some more not copied yet.

The enclosed letter came from a descendant of Nicholas Root Jr. I had corresponded with Marie Babcock several years ago, but then she just quit writing. Now her niece has taken up the cause. It is an interesting letter, I think, very direct and positive. It's great to find these NY census records that are so hard to get otherwise. Now, if she will only do the probate records and perhaps she will do some work in Broome Co. What a relief to find Chenango Co listed as Silas' b place; I had only surmised that he was the right one. One problem is the listing of Harriet Howard as "mother" in 1855. She's not supposed to be anyone's mother in that family. I wonder whether she could really be an aunt, one of the unknown sisters of Silas' father Nicholas Jr? I have a note of a Lewis Root m Eliza Ann Howard that I think comes from an LDS Ancestry File. I guess I'd better check ROOT/HOWARD there. Flavious Root had a son Lewis, but his wife was Hannah. Or, perhaps Nicholas Jr m second a Harriet who m second a Howard.

I can't think of anything else to relate.

Charlie

Aug 28, 1992

Ans 9/16/92

Dear Helen,

I hope you picked up some new Root info on your trip to PA. Lots of the family lived just across the border in Tioga, Steuben and Broome Co NY, and some of them probably moved further south.

I got a letter from Linda too, thankfully with fewer details of her pending disaster. I was thinking that she was getting her act together going to school, but now... And it's not like getting hit by a truck, she could do something about it, as distasteful as abortion is. She and Eugene Meyers finally got together and she sent the enclosed m certificate from him. Then today rec'd the letter from Eugene, which says that that isn't Aunt Aurora after all. More confusion. I haven't taken the time yet to figure out just what he says. The business at the bottom of letter about Iddo marrying Polley Beery is taken from a note on my group sheet refering to other events of probably related people. I try to leave that stuff off of group sheets that I send non-genealogists because it confuses the more easily confused of them. He and Linda are members of this group!

I didn't go to that Foote reunion out here. I've never found any of them who are really doing genealogy. The woman who started this western bunch, lives in British Columbia, is a disaster, although she puts "Foote Family Historian" on her letterhead. I used to correspond with her, but she persisted in quoting old disproved information so I gave up a couple of years ago.

I'd be glad to have copies of the 1900 census for James Saddoris, Edith Wilkins, and Enos Williams/Fred Walters. I wish Jean DuPuis could find out for certain the birth date on the sampler for Sally Sprague. That is the only thing we have to identify her with. Yes, I did go through the two Sprague books I have looking for wives born Aug 1779, but found none. But I think it unlikely that they'd name Vandosto Sprague after the first husband, although I've seen it happen. Yes, she was pretty old for a first marriage, but John Root was a bit older. Maybe it was just because there weren't many to choose from in Chenango Co then. I think that Morgan James was named after Lovica Foote's grandfather James Foote and, maybe, her other grandfather Morgan Young?? I've never really looked for a Morgan Young. I guess I'd better check the IGI. I think I looked before for a Morgan Sprague. It doesn't look to me, though, that Nicholas, John and V.S. Roots were into using family names. I got the film of Columbia Co deeds and read all of them before 1810 looking for mention of Root land or Root witnesses. Found none in the whole blamed full roll, but did pick up several Crippens, nothing special. The Joshua, Thomas and Joshua Jr deed was from Nicholas' brother Joshua who married Bethiah Dewey.

I've seen ads for "By Design". Send me a sample of your work! Personally, I'm continually suffering from software overload. I want to change over my database, that holds all my references and notes therefrom, that is in my Amiga, to my PC, to a Windows program called Approach. And I have a new upgrade to a draw program for the Amiga that will print out big charts by

tiling. I want to try that out for the big family pedigree chart. But, the biggest thing that is eating up my time is Genie. It is just too much fun logging on, mainly to the Genealogy section, and reading all the mail, maybe 600 messages every week! Not any messages to me in particular, but questions, replies, about surnames, places being researched, software, CD-ROMs, Quakers, and so on. I still have forums on Crippen, Foote and Root, but I'm giving up Crippen because no one has used it for months. Only the Foote topic receives a message at least once a week.

I've been reading English records. The Root book gives some fragmentary info on the Roots of Badby, Northampton, and the IGI has lots of English Roots records, like six entries for the marriage of John Roote and Ann Rushall in 1600. But they aren't consistent, so you don't know what to believe. This keeps coming up on my Root topic on Genie, so I thought that I'd read the original records and settle the matter. Well, it turns out that of all the English counties, Northampton has about 5% of the parish records microfilmed compared to about 90% for the other counties. So, not so easy! But a Rev. Isham Longden transcribed most of the Northampton records back around 1910 and his work is on about 15 films. I first looked at Badby and Milton Malsor, where most of the earlier Roots were born, but the only Root record in Badby is the marriage of John and Ann, none of the births of their children, including that of the immigrant, are there where they are supposed to be. So it turns out to be a much bigger problem than I had supposed. Now I'm reading the records of the neighboring parishes. And there are so many Russell/Rushall records that it is just too much to handle. It turns out that that a Francis Russel was the Earl of Braford in 1585, and later there were barons and so on. I don't think that I'll try to make sense of it all. But I would like to find the lost Roots.

Chas

Jun 22, 1992

Dear Helen,

I finally received some pictures from Eugene Meyers and I'm enclosing some copies of those and of some from Ruth Witherill. I'm surprised to see what Aurora looked like. She appears to have been determined woman, but not especially good looking. She doesn't remind me of anyone else in the family. But we don't have any photos of most of them when they were younger, like in their 30s. Eugene sent mostly pictures of himself, but I didn't think that you'd need any more than one! His family history seems a bit confused. I hope he can provide some more details. I need to write him again.

I was at the Sutro library last week and read some Van Deusen histories. I didn't find any connection with the Roots, but Sutro doesn't have the particular book that is devoted to the Great Barrington family. My theory now is that Morgan is a Young name. I found that there are lots of Morgan Youngs, but I haven't found a family history that covers the family. It is hard to start from scratch with such a common name. There was a complicated connection in New Ashford with my Footes and that is the branch of Young that I'll try to look into. It is possible that Lovica named her first son after her father's father, James, and her mother's father, Morgan?

There doesn't seem much else that is new. I've ordered some Northampton films from Salt Lake to try and clarify the early Roots there. There are six entries in the IGI for the 1600 Root-Russell marriage, all slightly different, all submissions from Mormons, not extractions.

I found one of Beryl Gyde's cousins through Genie and she is now trying to get another cousin in Oak Harbor to go visit Beryl and copy those glass plates. She lives in Oregon and really wants to get her hands on some Williams photos. Her ancestor was a sister of Enos Williams. I remember that there were some Williams photos among those glass plates. I wish we could find some Roots with an interest in genealogy to provide some fresh information. Ruth Witherill is pretty confused about the whole thing and isn't any help except for photos. I haven't heard from Linda for quite a while. I wrote to Duane Quigg and sent him one of V.S.'s letters, in hopes he might write again and possibly talk to cousin Howard Claucherty. I think that you said that he thought that Martha had evidence for Nicholas being in the RevWar. I recently read another history of the battles at Saratoga. Although the colonials were reluctant to turn out for battle when Burgoyne was doing well, after he was about done for they came from all over in droves. At the end it is said that about 30,000 Americans had come to finish him off. It is no wonder that there is no record of everyone who was there at the second battle of Saratoga.

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Charlie

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There doesn't seem much else that is new. I've ordered some Burlington films from Salt Lake to try and clarify the Wyly roots there. There are six entries in the IGI for the 1830 Montpelier marriage. All slightly different, all subscribing from Mormons, not extractions.

I found one of Beryl Dyde's cousins through Genie and she's now trying to get another cousin in Oak Harbor to go visit Beryl and copy those glass plates. She lives in Oregon and really wants to get her hands on some Williams photos. Her ancestor was a sister of Rose Williams. I remember that there were some Williams photos among those glass plates. I wish we could find some Bodts with an interest in genealogy to provide some fresh information. Ruth Wilbert is pretty confused about the whole thing and can't help except for photos. I haven't heard from Glada for quite a while. I wrote to Duane Doty and sent him one of K.S.'s letters, in hopes he might write again and possibly talk to cousin Howard Claucherty. I think that you said that he thought that Martha had evidence for Nicholas being in the Revwar. I recently read another history of the battles at Saratoga. Although the colonials were reluctant to turn out for battle when Burgoyne was doing well, after he was about done for they came from all over in droves. At the end it is said that about 30,000 Americans had come to finish him off. It is no wonder that there is no record of everyone who was there at the second battle of Saratoga.

Can't think of anything else, so

Jan. 28, 1992

Dear Helen,

I'm really falling behind, you're at least two letters ahead of me now! I spend quite a bit of time trying out new programs on the PC and am moving all my words and numbers over to it from the Amiga, leaving the Amiga for graphics. I just borrowed Sesame and find that it is a marvelous program, but so comprehensive that I wonder how many people will ever use it. Most genealogists I meet are not very technically minded. I think that I will stay with my database program, Superbase, but the PC version costs over $400 even discounted. I'm hoping that the price will fall or that they'll offer me a special deal, eventually. Word Perfect refused last month to sell me a PC version at a special discount to upgrade from my Amiga version. So I bought WP for Windows from Fast Micro for $270. Then WP changed its mind and is having a special "trade-up" program this month for $150! I ended up sending the first copy back using their 30-day guarantee offer and will buy a new one under the special deal. The pricing of software, and hardware too, is sure unpredictable and flexible. I haven't decided what to do with my letter files, so this is still being written on the Amiga. I noticed foot notes in the Nehiser group sheets you sent me. Is that a new feature of your program? I've been putting some data into PAF, partly out of curiosity to see how it works and partly to get experience so I can answer questions at the library. I think that the new (as of last summer) version is pretty nice, a real bargain as far as price. But after you get used to a GUI, like Windows, you hate to go back to having to pick your way through menus.

Well, you've cleared up much of Lorenzo Dow's history. I really wonder whether he ever had any children of his own. I wonder who provided the information on the death record? My first thought is that he was a blacksheep and so wasn't mentioned much in the history. But, we know that V.S. knew the Beaches well and not much is said of them. I don't have an 1850 census for Lorenzo; is that right? It looks like brick making runs in the family. They used to advertise concrete block making machines to be used for a business at home. I wonder whether any of our distant uncles were ever driven by their genes to try that out?? Maybe that is why I laid over 1000 bricks for a patio in my first home in Southern Calif.

You mention the Spragues. I'm still looking for Sally/Sarah. The closest, I thnk, was the one b in Sharon 21 Aug 1781, but the same old story, she is said to have married someone else, a Gunn. We need some new clue. Maybe it will come from tracking down all of the Sprague families in Chenango Co and around Rochester. There was a woman from California who left word some years back at the Chenango Co hist soc that she was researching the Spragues there. I've tried to locate her, but never have had any success. It sure would help to know where John and Sally got married. That reminds me again that V.S.

Dear Helen,

mentioned "Chenango town and county". I don't think that we have worked over Broome co enough. That's where the town is. I really don't trust V.S.'s memory that much though. Now that you're finally convinced that it really was Eunice Crippen, do you want a disk of ca 100K of Crippen family group sheets? Oh, thanks for the Crippen census records. It appears that most all of the 19th century Crippens ended up in MI; it's amazing! Two issues of the Crippen newsletter have come out, but I have the feeling that there may not be any more of them. I'm really jumping around here. The Reuben Root who m Statira, written up in the Van Buren Co History, was #3830, a real, real distant relative. The Eber Root in the Hist of Cass Co was #1432, hardly any relative at all!

I looked at the Nancy Spragues in the best Sprague book, Sprague Families in America" by Warren V. Sprague, but didn't find any with the right b date. I suppose I should check the b date of everyone in the book in case she really had some other name. I doubt that Simon Jones was married earlier. Remember, they had 7 children. I've wondered too about Nicholas' age when he was married. And I have his brother Moses as marrying at ca 33. Maybe they were off exploring. I've never looked for them in other states. I don't remember looking for him in the Barbour Collection of CT records, for example. Or, he could have been up in VT where lots of people went before the war. In Chenango co I didn't look for Partition files, never heard of them! That sounds like the sort of thing that we need. But I wrote to the county about that partition and they said they had nothing. Also asked "my agent" in Chenango to look. But don't trust anyone! Regarding "1840 NY, Monroe Co Brighton, pg 036 for John Root" that's 1830. There was a John Root in 1840 Ontario Co Gorham 1F 15-20, 1F 50-60, 1M 60-70. This certainly could be our John with Sophia, but Sally was dead by then, so the woman 50-60 doesn't fit. However, John and family are not in the 1840 census record for V.S. That 1840 census has 3F b 1835-1840 (Melissa, Aurora, Victoria), 1F1M 1830-1835 (Morgan, Collista), 1F 15-20 (Elizabeth Hines), 1M1F 1800-1810 (V.S., Lovica). So was our John one of those John Roots elsewhere in OH, or with some other family? When the families moved to Medina Co ca 1834 I assume that both Eliza and Sophia were still at home. Probably Lorenzo too, since he didn't marry until 1837.

I don't have any more info on the old cem of Rochester. I haven't sent any of that new info fm Jean Dupuis to Linda. I sure owe her a letter. Never have heard fm Carol Boos or Al Frontz. Did get a letter this week from a relative of Marie Babcock, the descendant of Nicholas Root Jr; she's interested in the history, but doesn't know anything right now. Maybe she at least will look up some records there in Tioga Co.

I'm glad that you found the Shermans and Turners over by Cleveland. I had called a few people in that area a couple of years ago trying to find cousins and maybe now I'll call a few more.

I'm sending copies of pictures that I got fm Ruth Witherell. The one of V.S. that she sent is pretty poor. I sent the picture from Linda, the unidentified lady with the dark shawl and the

knitted things on her hands, to Ruth asking whether she could be Lavina Hazen Root. Ruth thinks yes. The one of John M. and Lavina looks like it was taken with them standing behind fake clothing. V.S.' leg sure looks bad, I wonder whether he used a cane. I wonder what is in his right hand. The other pictures are from my Aunt Ada Dildine's album. The picture of Mary Floro is a tin type, unlabeled, so the fellow could be her younger brother Albert Saddoris, but I doubt it. I'll write to his granddau and ask the Gydes whether he looks like a Floro. Not that the Gydes would ever send me an answer.

It's sure hard to figure out the family movements around Rochester. Monroe co was formed in 1821 and Wayne in 1823, so what V.S. says about Wayne co is misleading. Judging from what I can find out about their neighbors, named in the 1810 census, they probably were in the west part of Penfield for the 1810 census. But didn't live on the Browncroft property since they didn't buy that until 1827 and I don't think that was ever in Penfield. I don't know how the census districts were broken up or named, but I don't think that there was a Rochester subdivision until 1830. Rochester was subdivided in 1811, incorporated in 1817 (but only the west bank), and chartered in 1834. The first ME church meeting was in 1816 or 1817, and the church was organized in 1820. Nancy made the sampler in Rochester in 1824. The religious book from Eunice was burned in 1824 so she died before that and presumably they were living in Rochester then. A Palmyra newspaper announced the forced sale of Enos Stone's holdings of lot 66 in Sep 1818 and John's deed was dated 1822. So maybe they moved from Penfield to Rochester (then still officially part of Brighton) about 1819. They are listed as in Brighton for the 1820 census, but I assume that Rochester was still listed as part of Brighton. Their neighbors in 1820 were different than in 1810 and I haven't been able to figure out anything about the location. Then V.S. says that they had moved to Brighton by 1828 when his mother died. The deposition of Simon J. says that they were in Brighton in 1828, but the city directory in 1829 says his business? was in Rochester. When sold land in Mar 1828, John and Sally said to res in Rochester, but when bought back part of it in Jan 1829 was in Brighton and in Brighton when sold Browncroft land to Simon J. Was listed in Brighton for the 1830 census and when sold land in Jul 1831. By 1830 Rochester was listed separately in the census, but I don't know what the boundaries were. So, maybe John moved to Chenango Co with the family (prob there for 1800 cens), married there in 1807, Simon J. born there and then to Penfield about 1809. Moved to Rochester 1819, then to Brighton (the Browncroft land?) early in 1828, but still had his business in Rochester. Still seems odd to me that he wouldn't live with the business. I can't figure out where any of the 1830 census neighbors lived. Well, I hope I can work in a trip to Rochester this spring.

I'm still mostly working on the Footes. My latest scheme fits quite well, but requires that the official Foote family history be changed! I think that they have two James Footes mixed up. I've written to the head Foote (or Foote head?) to see if I can get it changed, or possibly it was changed earlier and

not publicized. If I'm right, Calvin's father James married Susannah Lewis in Sharon CT in 1769. Susannah was probably born there and her par came from Hebron CT. James was born in Newtown and his parents were Daniel Foote and Sarah Moger. The Mogers are a branch of the Mosher/Mosier family and so when Eugene Williams' history says that Calvin's mother was a Mosier it should be grandmother. I'm sure learning a lot of CT history and geography!

You ought to get a modem and join the Genie crowd. The Foote forum is fairly active, but not much interest so far in the Root and Crippen names. But with you working and trying to fit in some genealogy too, you'd only have time for Genie if you could get by with only a couple of hours of sleep every night.

Charles

July 5, 1991

Dear Helen,

We're having our first heat wave of the year. A couple of weeks ago it was much cooler than usual and now we are near 110. Under these conditions, I usually work outside starting early, like 6:30, and then quit early, about 11:00. Then I have the afternoon to do genealogy in the cool house or go to the library and read microfilms.

I read all of the 1860 census for jackson Co, WI, and found Morgan J. Root. This was at the Archives where it is inconvenient to make copies, so you'll have to settle for my notes on the enclosed group sheet. I'm curious as to how he came to that area. There are possible Foote connections through the neighbors Wright or Sayers. His service record is not any help.

The papers on Amasa Short are a bit more interesting. I wonder how he came to reenlist if he was in such bad shape. I should get the Willfong records any day now.

I keep asking all the distant cousins as I find them if they have anyone with our family name Eva. The Quiggs do and it is prounced the way we do. It was said in our family that it was a Foote name, but none of the Quigss know anything about that. I just found a new Foote cousin and she has an aunt named Eva! At last. I'm still spending most all my time on the Footes. I'm glad to get the census reports that you send me from time to time.

A few weeks ago, my aunt and I stopped by my great aunt's old home in Berkely, sold about 25yrs ogo. No one was home, but we left our name with a neighbor and later the present owner called my aunt and said that some photographs were left in a trunk and he'd give them to me if I'd stop by. So I did and found at least 100 old photos. But practically none are labeled and most are naturally of their friends years ago here in CA. They came from OH in 1901. There were a couple of tin types of some of my Saddoris people and a copy of that 1913 Root reunion photo that has turned up several places! Also, a real nice picture of aunt Nina when she was young. But no old Root people as far as I can tell.

My son has reappeared, now in Borneo. He called his brother a few weeks ago for money from his bank account and then I got a call from a local person, a long time sailer, who just happened to anchor next to Glenn there in Borneo and then flew home to settle some business. The two of them got an writeup in the newspaper last week.

Best wishes,

Chas

207 S. Stearns Rd.
Oakdale, CA 95361
June 27, 1989

Dear Helen,

I'm up to my knees in paper and unanswered mail, but I had to send all this off to you. I hope you have lots of room on your hard disk! I feel overwhelmed by all these ancestors. This fellow in Florida, who I found by seeing his query in an old issue of the CT Nutmegger, has sent me two batches of charts and I suppose that he has more since there are references to more. I suppose that he is being especially helpful because I sent him a photo of Joshua's gravestone, one that he didn't have. He collects pictures of the gravestones of ancestors. I'd like to have copies of his collection! Anyway, I transfered the names and dates to my style of chart. Some of the dates will be wrong, because I can't read some of them and some of his dates don't agree between the charts and the comment pages. I hope that some of his reference books are in the Sutro Library so that I can read them someday. I'll try to check that this week and send you a list of what I can't get so that you can check your libraries too. Between us we should be able to get copies of all his references.

I recently wrote to Wilfong, Houts and Tibbetts researchers, each name I had found in the Helper or the Sandusky Gen Soc, but none had info on our inlaws. During my sister's trip to Somerset Co she checked out the Museum there and the person in charge got out the Saddoris file, but nothing new. She did find that what possibly is the old Saddoris farm is still dry. I had thought that it was under the Quemahoning reservoir! The land records there are pretty confusing for those early years, not clear who owned what when.

Through the Twin Tiers Gen Soc, Elmira, NY, I contacted a lady in Canisteo who is selling off a bunch of historical books, some of which I'm buying. Canisteo is about half way between Troupsburgh and Dansville, in Steuben Co. She knows several of the local town historians and seems to know lots about genealogy. She is going to look for more information on the Roots. She has access to the state census, something that I can't get here. I guess I should get the microfilms from Salt Lake on permanent loan.

On your vacation you could take another trip to the files at Albany and then to scenic Columbia Co! I suppose that Albany has enough paper to keep one busy for days.

Charlie

I've always wished for an ancestor from London and now I have one! and from the Elizabethan era too, the best time.

Feb. 15, 1993

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old files for Root, Foot and Sprague. She gave me a couple of local Root names to write to; no response so far. I'd like to go back to Chenango Co this year to look for graves and do more deed searches. And I'd like to spend some time at the Columbia Co Hist Soc library in Kinderhook. Could do both on the same trip and visit beautiful Berkshire Co again.

Jean

207 S. Stearns Rd.
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Nov. 19, 1991

Dear Helen,

I had a fine trip east, but am only slowly getting caught with things. I spent a couple of days in Albany and the rest of the week in Berkshire Co, mostly in New Ashford where the Footes lived. I was amazed to find all the old Foote family names there that are also in Lenawee Co, Baker, Cole, White, and, next door in Hancock, the Crippens. Also Calvin Foote's Mosier/Moger people and, probably, Benoni Beach's relatives. It was a lot of fun finding so many people there interested in their history and I'm transcribing the old town meeting records starting 1775 that they still have, the originals! I really didn't do much on the Root family. The Root's wolf trap in Great Barrington is in the hands of a new owner, so the guy who located it needed advance notice to set up a visit. He's the ex-county historical officer. But he did point me to two old, pre-1800, Crippen houses in Egremont. This time I did visit the Egremont historian, and she is a disaster, doesn't know any history and can't find what she does have, although the town records are all stored neatly in a small room. Talked to the Alford historian, but she knows nothing of the Crippens. Which reminds me, there is a Crippen Quarterly coming out now, produced by a young lady near Traverse City, Mesick actually, had an ad in the last Helper, $18 a year, but not worth it from the two issues so far. She's checking records there (Wexford Co I think) for Root and alerting her local Gen. Soc. This time I located Nicholas' step-mother's grave and took video of it and much more. When I edit it all, I'll loan it to you.

I had planned on spending one day at the Columbia Co seat of Hudson, but in Hillsdale I talked to the historian and she said that the courthouse has burned twice so nothing old is left! That area is a blank as far as records. She said the only chance is the historical soc library at Kinderhook. I started to go there, but ran out of energy and gave it up. It really seems hopeless to find any trace of Nicholas in Columbia Co. About the only thing would be some manuscript that mentions the family. I suppose that Kinderhook would be a good place to find such things. I checked the big card file at the State Library in Albany for Root and Crippen and copied everything. The Root stuff is not much, but there was lots of Crippen, but I haven't had time to go through it. However, there are so many people working on the Egremont Crippens right now (all trying to connect back to the Mayflower Fullers), that I don't think that there could be anything new. I did find a copy of a 1768 map showing the Samuel Crippen farms in Hancock! It was tucked in the back of the proprietors book at the Northern District Land office in

Adams! No one knows where it came from, they didn't even know it was there!

At the NY State Archives I told them that I was looking for War 1812 records and they sent for the guy from the back room. I showed him the outfits that the bunch of John Roots had been part of, but he said they had nothing! I couldn't believe it. He said that they didn't even know where those outfits were recruited. I did get the application for funds submitted by John's bro Flavius. I wonder what happened to Flavius that I can't find any more records outside of the deeds and census.

Massachusetts is really hurting from this recession. It looks like every 4th house is up for sale. The Athenaeum in Pittsfield is only open a few days a week. New York seems much less bothered, although they are complaining plenty like everywhere. Of course, I think that people are getting what they voted for, lots of guns and missiles and debt and no more taxes!

That's all I can think of for now.

Yours,

Charles

Feb. 23, 1993

Dear Helen,

I forgot to mention a couple of things in my last letter. The following extract from the NY city directory gives some clues to aunt C.s two grandchildren that she was said to be with in 1903. I would guess that Frank Leslie is the most likely family, but ?? Have you ever done research in NY city? I don.t hardly know how to start, except to look in the current phone book, but I expect there would be too many people with these surnames.

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In reading the Van Buren census records, it seems likely that the Roots with Hiram Lee in 1850 are Lorenzo.s children, don.t you think so? We don.t know where he was in 1850. Have you ever looked for more records on these children?

Well, I.d better get outside and cut some weeds, I¢looks like a sunny day for a change..

Chas

s-hause, this font, Garamond, is defective in that " , " prints as " , "

March 12, 1995

Dear Helen,

It's a nice, sunny day today, but more rain is expected tomorrow. Most of the storms have missed my area and we only had high winds, up to 40mph, that blew down some of my trees, and just a couple of inches of rain. But the county has still been declared a disaster area because some other places had a lot more rain. My sister in Santa Barbara has been without power for a couple of days and the roads out in all directions are closed. It's been quite a winter. The almonds bloomed almost a month early and that has messed up a lot of planning.

I can imagine that all the happenings with your granddaughters has made for some stressful times. I hope that all that is past by now. Some family situations make for complicated genealogy too.

Faith Cataldo is a stranger to me. I suppose that she got some data from me indirectly somehow. But maybe my memory has failed again. How is she related to us?

I finally quit using Genie because the genealogy traffic got pretty light, although we had several people interested in Spragues. Compuserve is much better and I've found some good sources of information there. A fellow living in Northampton, England, looked up the Root bap records in Badby and confirmed that they are pretty much as given in the Root history book. I tried America On Line on a month free trial, but dropped it as the genealogy section seemed pretty slow. I'll try Prodigy again one of these days, but people tell me that it has never recovered to the activity it had a couple of years ago.

Most of my genealogy time is spread between the Saddorises in Bedford Co, PA, the Footes and others in Litchfield Co, CT, and the Spragues in general. Right now I'm working over the Sprague Rev War pension files again. It is discouraging that there are so many Sprague families with unknown children. I've tried to learn more about the Simon Sprague family of Sharon, CT, and the daughter Sarah b 21 Aug 1781. That resembles the birth dates we have for our Sally, 1 Aug 1779 & 4 Aug 1778. This Sarah is said to have m a Gunn, but there is a marriage in Sharon for a Jerusha in 1796 with Isaac Gunn. Sarah had a sister Jerusha and maybe they were mixed up. I haven't found anyone who knows these Gunns. A member of this Sprague line was also an early settler in Medina Co, OH, and that would provide a reason for the Roots to go there.

Another family connection is the reported marriage of Mary Sprague, daughter of Phineas #19, to Simon Jones. This Sprague family lived in Lebanon, CT, where the Jones lived who moved to Chenango Co. This Simon Jones had a wife Polly, so this could be a connection between our family and these Spragues. But, otherwise, I don't see any Spragues in this line associated with Chenango Co. And no Sally, but some children are unknown. I put a query in a new Jones Newsletter, but no response. The Ebenezer Sprague family that did live in Oxford, Chenango Co, must have known the Roots there, but some of their daughters are unnamed. So there is really no progress with the Spragues.

Charlie

Dec. 3, 1993

Dear Helen,

I rec'd this letter about the Hazens recently and sent him my group sheets for the John M. Root family and the children, but most of mine aren't referenced so I wonder whether he'd rather have your group sheets. I sent him a copy of V.S.'s signature as an authentic spelling, but said we had no public record for Lovica's last name. I also sent him a group sheet for my distant uncle Albert Saddoris whose wife Edith Wilkins' mother was a Hazen. I think that you know more about those Winnies.

Not much new with the Root history. A new cousin turned up, another descendant of Flavius' son George, but this one lives in Andover, Allegany Co, NY, right near where that branch of Roots lived. He is the first one who is still living in the area. He is searching graveyards for Roots and is going over to PA where he has heard that some Roots still live. He is Wistner Cook, aged 78, hale and hearty and enthusiastic sounding on the phone.

I've been collecting more Sprague families lately. It turns out that it is no where near as common a name as I had thought, so is not an overwhelming job to try to survey them all. I also recently learned that there are several good Sprague histories that I haven't read yet. I'm mainly interested in the Ebenezer Sprague family that lived in Oxford quite near to our Roots. But I'd rather have it the Spragues who were early settlers of Rochester. No known unknown daughters there though.

Otherwise, I'm still plugging along with the Footes, reading Clifton Park, Saratoga Co NY records now. And trying to find my great grandfather Walters' birth record in the same area of Mechlenburg where my great grandmother was born. I'd like to find her parent's records too, but that has been unexpectedly difficult since they seem to have moved around more than my other German ancestors. I'm working more than I ever have before trying to locate the birth place for my Sarah Evans, mother of my gggf Elias Saddoris. It had seemed to be too difficult, but the cousin I found on Compuserve has provided new leads so it now seems possible. At least we know that a sister was born in "Frederick Co, PA". We just need to know what that means, Frederick Twp, Montgomery Co PA or Frederick Co MD? I'm doing the deed records for Montgomery Co PA hoping to find a record of her parents, John and Agnes Evans, selling land when they moved to Somerset Co PA about 1797. I still haven't found a single trace of the Daniel White, wife Eunice Root, said in the Lenawee history book to be parents of Josephus White. White is a common name, but a massive amount of data has been published on them, especially for early NY. I'm beginning to think that there is a major error in this story. ☹

A couple of people on Compuserve, enthusiastic Roots3 users, have given up on R4 and asked for their money back. It is getting lots of bad reports. But Word Perfect 6 is upsetting lots of people too. I got the new version of TMG and it still doesn't have group sheets. Seems ridiculous to wait so long for the ability to create reports.

The harvest is long over, my backhoeing has been done, the pruners finished this week, so things are moving along. Last week we had our first hard frost, 25° and that finished off my tomatoes etc. My sailing son has been saying for a couple of months that he was returning for spell of working to build up his bank account, but so far he hasn't shown up. He is a strange person, very undependable.

Can't think of anything else of interest.

Charlie

Nov. 17, 1992

Dear Helen,

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more newspapers (didn't find any ad for John Root, Teamster, in the 1825 newspapers), read more of the Rochester Historical Soc Publication Fund volumes. The Sutro library in San Francisco has quite a few, but not all, and I've read what they have. I checked all of their old maps and most of the family names in their newspaper index, although there are always more names that could be checked. I didn't have time to check out the Historical Soc library or the Fryatt Memorial Library of the Tri-Town Genealogical Society (I don't even know who these people are). The Milne Library at SUNY at Geneseo is supposed to have lots of historical material. I guess that I regret most not getting into the Monroe Co tax records. I can check the missing mortgages because they are on microfilm at Salt Lake, but not the tax records. I wonder what John Root thought in later years about not hanging on to the Rochester land. He could have become affluent from owning it in a few years. He originally bought it for $300, then sold it for $1300 plus mortgage, bought back about a fourth of it for $500, and then sold again for $500. The land near Irondequoit he bought for $1960, sold to Simon for $700 plus mortgage, and then Simon sold for $2000 plus remaining mortagage of $1407. Seems like they made considerable some money on all of this, but some day I'll check on what the Rochester land later sold for.

Our cousin Roberta Bostwick, in Smithboro, Tioga Co, NY, is still churning out info on her side of the family. She found that Olive Tubbs, the wife of Silas G. Root, son of Nicholas Jr, was daughter of Margaret Walker, b 1786. I good friend of mine here is descended from James Walker, who lived in Coventry too, and is probably Margaret's brother; small world. Roberta says that she found a photo that looks like Simon Jones Root. She is getting a copy made for us. (It just arrived, but it doesn't look like Simon to me, but rather Roberta's great grandfather, Albert E. Root) That Tioga bunch has many old photos. It is a different world from mine, this big family that has lived there since about 1840, most being what she calls country people, with big reunions and lots of fighting. They have Barden reunions there every year (Nicholas Jr's wife was Lois Barden), but Roberta is too shy to attend, although she is in her 40s. I think that she'd know if the Bardens knew any early family history, but she still is finding new relatives to query.

We had some cold weather last week, our first frost, but not enough to kill my tomatoes, although it killed some tender squash. But no rain, sob. I had to start irrigating today. I've started to prune and cut down old trees, something I usually put off until the new year and then end up get overworked in the spring. I'm trying to keep ahead of things so that maybe I can get away for a trip in the spring too. I'd like to go back to Chenango Co and look more for the Spragues. I'll bet that they married there and then went to Rochester. I wonder why nothing is said about where Simon was born. Does that mean that it wasn't Rochester? There were not many early Spragues in Monroe Co but there were lots in Chenango Co. A woman from California was researching the Spragues there, but by the time I started to look for her she had died. I haven't been able to find any of her

relatives so far. I'll bet there is a Root family out there somewhere that has the answer to all this, if we could only find them. Of course, our Quigg cousin may have the record in one of his boxes, the bum. Have you called him lately about going to look at the stuff?? Vera Borck didn't recognize the unknown people in the Oak Harbor photos from Gene Meyers; she said she would ask her cousins in Oak Harbor her next trip there. Any news from Van Buren Co?? The Lee family lived there for 40 years, so I would think that there should be some records of them and their children.

Charlie

Aug. 3, 1992

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Of the documentation you mention, I'd like a copy of the inscriptions from Rusha and Locust Pt Cemeteries. If those 1910 census records you have are copies of the actual pages, I'd like the ones for James Saddoris, Edith Wilkins (how come she's there instead of married to uncle Bert Saddoris?), John L. Peters, Enos Williams and Fred Walters. Heritage Quest comes through here every year and I think that it is the best of the few road shows that I've seen. You mention camping near Albion. Have you thought of asking for a family discount at the nudist camp run by Leo Bevis in North Adams?? I'll bet it is a relief that Dave is back to work. I would think that going all those months without his income would be a real strain. But you must be one organized person to handle so much, like preparing for the Oct seminar. I wouldn't know where to start.

I'm reading the 1880 Ottawa Co census and found this entry for Aurora. I wonder where Belle Ackley was then, or was there only Rosa Belle?? . Poor little Minor, working at the saw mill at age 13. Also noted in Clay twp:

p27 ed62 214/220 Fickinger, William 59 wid farmer PA PA PA
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I finally read the Columbia Co deed indexes. I had been told by the historian in Hillsdale that they were all burned up, but NOT. I ordered them fm Salt Lake, copies enclosed. There were no early Spragues. I'd better get a copy of the first Root deed of Joshua Joshua Jr and Thomas. I suppose that is Nicholas' brother Joshua and his oldest sons, but I don't know why the sons would be on the deed. They all moved to Chenango Co.

I received some more photos from Ruth Witherell. If only just a few of our other cousins would be so obliging! I haven't copied them yet, but they are Tom, Clara & dau Beatrice Root; the whole family of Della Bell Root & Fred Mottor; and the photo we have of Augusta Dilley and Ida May paupuard in the rear with a fellow in between, Collista, Melissa & Enos Williams in front. My mother had said that it was Curtice Floro in the rear, but she's wrong, Ruth says Benjamine Franklin Root. She ought to know, he was her father. She didn't know the rest of them so we can help there. But I don't know who the boy was. She has a couple more not copied yet that she can't identify and were taken in Oak Harbor, Pt Clinton and Martin MI. She picked these up on a trip back to Plainwell. She also visited the cemetery where Aurora is supposed to be buried but couldn't find the grave. She said that the sexton is working on finding the plot. She said that she had lived most of her married life within 5 miles of there.

I wonder who will turn up at the reunion this year, any Quiggs or Meyers?? I got films of a couple of early Chenango Co

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I'll bet you are enjoying your new computer. There's nothing like more speed, can't get enough of it! Not really much new with me on the genealogy scene. Otherwise, I had another hernia operation two weeks ago, my third. But it is a relatively simple thing nowdays, in AM, out PM. But I can't lift anything over 25lb for 6 weeks, so that will slow me down some.

I just got a CAD program for the PC, EasyCAD. It is really neat, more fun than any game, and at $109 I think it is a bargain. I'm planning to use it to plot out old farms and relate them to modern boundaries, for one thing. But I'm enclosing one of my initial attempts to produce a neat family tree, like the one Martha Quigg made. It will take some experimentation to come up with a good plan, but I think that it will be real slick to have them all on one sheet of paper.

Last week I went through all the census cards you sent me years ago and checked my entries again, since I decided there was no use keeping them anymore. I still can't figure out some of those 2nd families, like the marriage order of all of Edward M.'s wives. I rearranged them again.

Our cousin, Roberta Bostwick, in Tioga Co has been active! I'm enclosing some group sheets for her family as they stand right now. Also found that someone I corresponded with a couple of years ago, living in northern PA, is a cousin too, part of those Tioga Roots. Roberta is planning to hit Broome Co too, something I've never really done. She's doing graves, census, including state census, local histories, probate. She's noticed too the closeness of Dutchers to her Root family. A Mrs Dutcher, of Iler Station Ohio, visited Melissa Williams in 1900, and a George Dutcher was living with them for the 1880 cenus. TAG had an article recently on the Dutchers of NY. They intermarried with VanDeusens and I figure they must be connected to our family somehow. There is a history of the Van Deusens of Berkshire Co that I've never read. This should be done. Also, Arthur M. Kelly published a two or three volume complilation of documents of the Livingston estate in Columbia Co. I've never read that either. Nicholas may well have been a renter there. It is not available from Salt Lake and is not in the Sutro library I go to. Maybe you could look at it at Ft Wayne sometime?

You're asking about Matilda Root. I think that she was the wife of Simon B. Root. In another photo she is standing next to him. I wish I had asked Floyd Quigg, since he lived with them and should know for sure. However, it would have had to be his second wife since the first died in 1900. I had intended to stop by and see Floyd again to copy his photos, but once last year I called his daughter and she said that she hadn't got them unpacked yet. Since then I've forgotten all about it. She's listed as Helen in the 1910 census. My recollection is that Vera Sarnes' identifications from her grandfather, Albert Saddoris, said that she was Simon's wife. I got a letter from Vera last week, the first in a year. She's thinking of having a Saddoris reunion in Ottawa Co, but I wonder who there is left who would show up. Vera lives in FL.

Yours
Chas.

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Just a note (taking the place of Christmas card!) to go along with these copies. I had no idea that V.S. was so religious, no wonder Morgan J. left home! But, we're lucky to get these insights into those early days. I'm surprised that he says that they lived first? in Penfield. I've looked at Penfield records, and once found some connection, but I've forgotten what is was. I'll go back over all that again. There are a couple of Penfield histories that I've never seen. There are records for the early ME Church in Rochester, Penfield and Brighton (I don't know which V.S. is referring to), but no mention of Root that I've seen. It isn't clear to me whether they moved from Penfield to Rochester to Brighton, or what. The census show them in Brighton in 1820, 1830, but in Boyle in 1810, which included Brighton and Penfield then. Well, lots of little tid bits. I also rec'd some photos from Ruth Witherell, the one who knew the Meyers, that Linda writes about. One is of V.S. when old, with a bent leg. I haven't had time to copy them yet.

Best wishes for a pleasant Christmas/New years

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Stockton CA, only about 30 mi from here. I have his number, but have forgotten to call him, this reminds me.

I haven't heard from Beryl Gyde for a long time. I wonder whether you might be interested in going over and borrowing the glass plates for copying? It doesn't seem that it will get done otherwise. I'd be glad to pay for getting negatives made from the plates, or maybe it would be cheaper to just get like 10 contact prints made of each. We had picked out at least 10 when I was there, and there were dozens more plates that we didn't have time to look at. Beryl was going to look at those too, but I doubt that he did. I wonder whether he would give them to me if I went back for them. They would be tricky to transport.

Barbara Miles is an enthusiastic genealogist working on the Mighells family. She just found that her John Mighells/Submit Munger is s/o John Mighells/Elizabeth Ferman. So now she is working on the Fermans and I expect she will find a lot. She does lots of letter writing and query submissions and record searching.

It is an overcast day today, with a bit of drizzle, not enough to help any. But it keeps me inside catching up with data entry and letter writing. I should be making my reservations for another trip to Berkshire Co, but I missed the lower rates a couple of weeks ago. I've been hoping for another price war, but haven't heard of any.

Chas

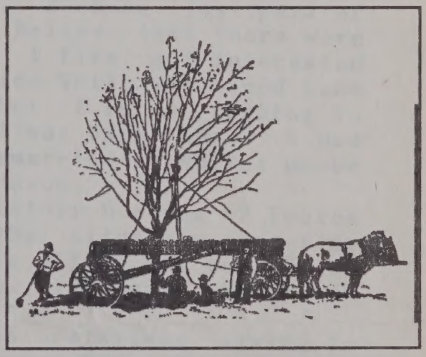
Oct. 12, 1992

Dear Helen,

I'm finished with the almond harvest and am doing my four walnut trees right now. Then in a week I'm off to Rochester! I expect that I'll spend most of the time in the library and not touring around like on other trips. Except I do want to drive around Wayne Co where the Footes lived. Wayne county looks pretty empty of towns even now. I wonder why? I want to read old newspapers and maybe old diaries and letters. There must be more early history than what I've seen so far.

Ruth Witherell sent more copies of photos from Gene Meyers. The two interesting ones are the unknown woman with child and the young fellow, both taken in Oak Harbor. I've sent copies of those to Vera Borck to see if they are Whiteheads. The new picture of Hattie (Talbert) Meyers reminds me of that unknown woman who had been called Aurora Root. I wonder whether the unknown could be Hattie's sister Bessie who married Minor Meyers.

I can see that By Design can do some fancy stuff. I wonder whether I could find a use for it. I'm trying to find excuses to put clip art in letters, such as this scene.



I've checked out Karen Livsey's Western NY Land Transactions, but haven't looked at any of the original documents. There are some interesting Crippen names, not Root. I'll have to retrieve all that from my database that is still stored in my Amiga.

I'm sorry to say that V.S. is now a Mormon! I found him in the latest IGI so sent for the original submission record. It turns out that a woman in Texas to whom I sent Saddoris information took his data (and father John, mother Sally) from my pedigree chart and baptised him! I wrote a protest letter to her, but it came back as undeliverable. I also wrote to Salt Lake to protest her "stealing" my private information, but I don't have a reply yet from them. An unfortunate part of this is that this silly woman mixed up the places so she has Sally Sprague being born in Rochester and Lovica Foote born in Medina Co OH!

Wish me luck in Rochester!

Charlie

Jan 27, 1991

Dear Helen,

Last week at the Sutro library I just about fell off my chair when I read the enclosed page in a film of a Lenawee mug book. It says that Josephus White's mother was Eunice Root, b in Conventry, Chenango Co, d in Wayne, Erie Co, PA, 1838. I can only assume that this Eunice is a dau of Nicholas & Eunice. I guess that must be Wayne Twp (formed about 1821), not Wayne village that is near Philadelphia. The father, Daniel, and his father Hugh, if I have him placed correctly, was quite a pioneer in central NY. One reference says that the 1st town meeting for Montgomery Co was held Apr 1798 in the barn of a Daniel White. This opens all sorts of possibilities. For one thing, this family was possibly more prosperous than ours (Daniel being a lawyer and judge) and may have more old family records. Also, Josephus' wife was b in Brighton, so may be connected with our John and Vandosto. Some fun!!

I'm also including some White group sheets based on work by June Mason, the researcher in Chenango, two years ago. The trouble is that her information is not clear. She gives summaries instead of the actual listings, such as just part of the 1855 census report. It's hard to believe that there were that many Eunice Whites in that one area. I first got interested in the White connection because of a Eunice White who owned land adjoining the old Root land in Coventry, but I found nothing in the White probate records I read when I was back there. I had thought that Nicholas' widow might have remarried a White; maybe she did if she was call Rogers for some reason.

This time, I was looking at White history because of Footes marrying Whites. I'll try To summarize the situation, but time out. The SuperBowl just started and it is a fine day outside so I'm going out to putter around for a while. I usually only watch football for the last quarter.

In the 1850-1860 period the Foote relatives living in Lenawee Co, mostly in Fairfield twp, were Eliza Foote/Warren White, Mary Ann Foote/Justis Wright, living with the Wrights were the children of Charlotte Foote Clapp and, in 1860, mother Phoebe Young Foote Barrett, Charlotte Clapp was with Orin Baker, Louisa Foot/Abraham Vosburgh, Alanson Foote and James B. Foote. Of course, some of this comes thanks to what you found on your trip to Adrian last year. I think that it is amazing that they should all have collected in one spot! My next trip may have to be a visit to Lenawee Co. I think that Charlotte Clapp was there with Orin Baker because Orin's daughter married a brother of Warren White. The Bakers were also early settlers in Rochester so they possibly met back there. The Bakers are also connected to the Moshers (Calvin Foote's mother was a Mosher). The two missing sisters were in Sandusky Co then, I think. I'm slowly getting a picture of these Footes.

Naturally I've been calling around Lenawee Co. There are 22 Whites in Adrian and others scattered around the neighborhood.

I've called most of them, plus some Wrights and Bakers. Yesterday I finally hit it. Audette Vollmer, 7137 Tipton Hwy, Tipton 49287 is descended from Allen N. White, who I think is Warren's brother. She grew up in Fairfield twp and her mother is still alive and she is interested. I'm just hoping that she may get involved in all this. She knows that there were some Baker and Wright relatives so that is encouraging. You'd mainly be interested in the Josephus White family. I called the one Swick in Adrian but she didn't know any connection to Whites. She said to try the Swicks in Hudson. This week I'll find out what I can on the LDS computer, but that hasn't been real productive in the past for MI events.

I'm enclosing copies of the pictures of George B. Root/Lydia Fewless and the unknown lady (original a large tin type) from Linda. The clothing of the unknown lady sure looks old fashioned to me. I can't believe how many cousins Linda has. And I thought that I had a lot of them. Thanks for the picture & info on your local Saddoris family. I'll write to them and find out who they are. About your Dilley family, where is Blackberry corners, I can't find it on any maps. I suppose that Augusta knew all the Toledo relatives when she lived there. Speaking of newspapers, I finally heard fm the OH State Hist Soc that I can borrow the films of Oak Harbor papers from them thru my library. I've been too busy to get at that. You're right, I never could find Whiteford, thanks for locating it for me. I've looked but never found Roanoke; it is a mystery. The archives has reported that they found the Willfong civil war records and I expect to get them next week. Maybe you already have them.

I'm not sending all the White and Baker group sheets since I don't think that you are interested in them. I'll tell you, it is a swamp, all those Lenawee pioneers seem to have lived earlier in Wayne Co NY, and all of them are possibly related. How can it be that there were so many Whites of seemingly different lines living in the same small rural area, population I guess of Fairfield twp of <1000? If I don't get anything from Audette Vollmer, I'll write the museum or what ever in Adrian to see if they have any folders on White, or have a record of any White researchers. No Gen Soc is listed for Lenawee Co. I'm real curious now as to who was the first of our relatives to settle in Lenawee Co??

Nothing from Jerry, Darlene, the Quiggs, the Whiteheads.

Charlie

Wednesday Apr 1, 1992

Dear Helen,

Those papers you just sent me sure create a fascinating genealogical puzzle. I agree that it is tricky fitting Amanda Cheney in there with our Lorenzo. That m record did come from the IGI and I don't remember whether it was an extraction or a submission. I wish I had remembered to check that today while I was at the FHC. I suppose that he could have gone to MI with Samantha about 1839, had Henry & Edgar & more, Samantha d 1850-1852, he married Amanda CHENEY 1853, had Ellen 1857, div Amanda, married Mercy ca 1859. Seems like a lot of Edgars there, Edgar Root b 1848, Edgar Bresley b 1850, Edgar Cheney b 1848! And then Edgar Richards? b 1867 with the Lees. I wonder whether there can be a connection between the Northrup neighbors of Lorenzo in 1870 and the Northrops of Medina Co OH that Nancy married into.

The Lees are even more a puzzle. That gap in ages of the children is strange; Hiram would have only been 19 when Henry was born. Seems reasonable that Sophia could have been married earlier, especially when she is older than Hiram. It's quite a coincidence (?) that in 1850 there was an Alvin L. Root b 1848 living next door and also an Alvin Root b 1847 living with Bennett Lee, prob Hiram's brother, in 1860. It strange too that the nephew and niece living with Hiram in 1880 have different fathers, one b MI, the other NY, unless that is a mistake. There are so many Lees buried in Lakside Cem that I bet that the county history tells something about the family. I'm looking forward to more tid bits you get from the genealogical society.

I haven't heard from Eugene Meyers, but I did from Linda. You can count on her to put pen to paper. She reminds me that she had those lunches with her aunts in Otsego, not Plainwell where the Meyers fellow has his senior citizen lunches. No wonder they hadn't met. I guess I'd better send him Linda's phone number. I haven't heard again from Jean Dupuis, nor from Beryl. He's never said a word about the glass plates since I was there 1 1/2 yrs ago. I found one of his cousins on Genie the other day, one of the Williams family. They also have the Eugene Williams history, but know no more. I would certainly think that anyone, even me, could print directly from those glass plates. I used to have a setup to do just that, but I haven't been able to find it again. You just lay the printing paper under the plate and shine a light on it and develop the paper. I'm guessing that both of the Gydes are having health problems.

I started reading some more Chenango Co films today and found the enclosed in the Administrations book. I never expected to get anything from it, since it is just pages of forms with the names of the deceased and the administrator filled in, but it turns out that in Chenango they wrote the affidavit of the witness to the death and of the administrator on the backs of the forms! And these were not filed with the other probate papers. So Moses Keyes (son of Zenas and Nicholas' sister Mercy) said

that Nicholas died 9 Jan 1813. Some of the statements for other people even told the manner of death. But I'm satisfied to get this much information. I also got some of the previously unknown children of other Chenango Co Roots. A guy here in town who also is working on Chenango Co families who lived near Coventryville gave me this letter written by his great great grandmother telling some of the early history there. The Joel Root mentioned lived in Guilford, was the son of Israel #2860, who was a son of Joshua Root and Margaret Gilbert & an uncle of Nicholas. This fellow also has an early map of Coventryville, but the Root place is off the map.

So much for today,

Charlie

P.S. A contact on Genie says that 1870 census town of Deatsville has

Hiram Lee 45 lab Can
Charles C. 19 MI
Mary J. Pratt 46 KH NY

also notes that, in addition to L. D. Root there is an S.C. Root Washtenaw 1840

Do we know S.C.?

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Feb. 25, 1996

Dear Helen,

I had completely forgotten about Pauline Dobbins, can't even find a record of her, except for a notation on the group sheet for John Edward Root. I suppose that she was one of the jillion people I've exchanged e-mail with, hopeless to keep track of all this, far worse than paper mail. And I'm not using the Internet for genealogy much. The Rochester Gen Soc has a homepage that includes quite a few cemetery listings, which is pretty useful. But I'm afraid to starting reading Roots-L. Donna Logan, who publishes the good Crippen newsletter, has opened homepages for two of her other surnames, and is working on a Crippen homepage.

I wonder about a history of Simon J. Root in Huron Co in the records of the Masons there. Do you think that they have any old records? The only newspaper for that area listed in Salt Lake is the Fireland Pioneer. So I got the index roll, but nothing for Simon Root. The Hayes library could have old newspapers too. Do you ever visit there?

I got a call from Maurice Wildt in Highland MI about 6 weeks ago. He is related to Simon B. Root's second wife and was asked by a cousin to find out more from someone in Albion. He found Howard Claucherty at an old car show, who gave him my name. This guy still owns the old farm in Homer. I had trouble understanding Maurice and got the address wrong, but finally did contact the cousin in WA with the enclosed result. Nothing to help with Root history, but it clears up the confusion about the "Rowlsby" name.

I wrote to Donna Gyde after getting a note from her and I also told a McCullough descendant, who has written to them before, and she wrote Donna. But no response so far. My impression was that Donna is a doer and would do something with the photos, but I guess I'm wrong.

The guy with the big Sprague database has sent me a couple of large packages of group sheets, but it's almost all for recent families, nothing of interest. He just compiles histories sent to him, while the old stuff is copied from published genealogies. I hate it that he sends me maybe 40 pages of useless paper. How can I respond?

The weather this winter is completely wacky. First we have spring weather with highs in the 70s, never had a good frost, and the fruit trees never got enough chill. Now that the almonds have started blooming too early, it is cold and no bees will come out to do their pollination business.

My younger son quit sailing last summer and now has a school that he is teaching at in Los Angeles on a regular basis. I hope that he sticks with it and some disaster doesn't strike. He'll reach the big four oh this year so it's about time to settle down.

Charles

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March 24, 1993

Dear Helen,

That's quite a stack of material that you sent me. I haven't had time to go through it, but I see that there is some good stuff there that I can add to my Root files. I'm still keeping all the group sheets in Word Perfect and the new version 5.2 has a real fast search system that will search the whole directory for items like "joseph martha chenango" in less than a second. I still find it to fit my needs which are mainly to find the family associated with some event I find in reading a county history or gravestone record. The new Master Genealogist program might work just as well and give pedigrees too, but I don't know when the final program will come out. I've had the demo for a couple of months and it is very inadequate. Another fellow on Compuserve is developing a Windows program and I signed up to beta test it.

Today is a rainy day and my day at the FHC. It is one of my rest days, Sunday being an off day too. The weeds and gophers have really been keeping me busy. I had planned on spending some time at my son's place in Los Angeles this month, but I probably won't make it. A wet winter means a lot of extra work maintaining the place. I enjoy working at the FHC, hearing all the various problems in research and I sure learn a lot. Right now my floor is covered with papers relating to my income tax. I hope to finish that tomorrow. The big hassle is always the depreciation of farm equipment and this year I'm starting to depreciate the new orchard that I put in a few years back. The first time through a new situation is a pain.

As you can see, Max Muir doesn't know much. I sent him a pedigree chart back a few generations and told him to go read the Root Genealogical Records book. Also sent him group sheets on VS's two marriages. I sent him your address for more on the Shorts, but told him that you've had unpleasant experiences with Mormons and you'd probably not be interested in helping him. In my first letter I had told him some of my problems with Mormons too.

I'm reading still more films of Chenango records, but I never, never find our family mentioned, just amazing. I got two more Chenango histories, actually of Greene where Nicholas was listed in the 1800 census, but nothing new on Nicholas, or on the Spragues. I've put off for long time opening a Sprague topic on Genie, thinking that it would take up too much of my time maintaining it, but a couple of weeks ago I started it. It's amazing but I've had no response at all! Even Crippen got more

attention than that. I thought that Sprague was a fairly common name. Mentioning Crippen, a woman in MD, Donna Logan, is seriously thinking of starting a real Crippen newsletter. She paid for a database of Crippen addresses and then found that there already is a newsletter in operation. She just sent me examples of what she already does with Younkin and Elder newsletters. Really professional, not like the messy thing that Jolene Pillars puts out. But it is hard for me to believe that there are enough Crippens to make a go of it, especially make it pay as she hopes to do. She has lots of enthusiasm though, so she may pull it off.

I hope that Marcia Vande Vort gets the bug and joins the team. Do you ever hear from Jerry Root or Darlene De Bres? or the Quiggs??? Maybe you could stop by at the Gydes after your talk to the Ottawa Co people?? "A History of Van Buren Co" by O.W. Rowland, 1912, says p489 that Hiram Lee purchased the first village lot in Decatur in 1848. I buy books from a dealer in Decatur, educated people who grew up there. But they've never heard of the family. I try to keep close control on my file cabinet and try to keep it weeded out, but it is tough. I'm slowly expanding into file boxes on shelves, a box for this correspondence, a box for that. I've never tried using my scanner to copy letters and store them digitally, but those graphics files take up gobs of disk space. I'm having trouble with my scanner (hand scanner called Typist) and I'm waiting word from the manufacturer now on whether they will take it back for repair. I think that it would make sense to store old letters on floppies, if they are worth saving at all. I often find that I look back at my letters written several years ago and I like having the old letters I receive. I think that you are right, that the 1910 census for NY city would be the best place to go next in looking for Collista Hewitt, but I've been too lazy to get into that! I have a new printer too, DeskJet 550C. It is more expensive to run than my Panasonic 1124 dot matrix so I use both, although the panasonic is starting to make bad noises and some things don't work right anymore. I'm still learning how to use graphics now that I have the ability.

I guess that I'd better pack up for the FHC. I have the afteroon shift, but usually start in the morning about 10:30. Usually it is pretty quiet and I can do my own business about half the time in the afternoon too. We have 5 good film readers, 3 poor ones, one film copier, 7 fiche readers and 3 computers (only 2 with IGI). It is odd, some days only maybe 15 people come in and other days it is crowded with all the readers in use. There are three FHC with similar facilities in a ten mile radius so there isn't much pressure on them, not at all like some that I've heard about.

Charlie

From the 2018' western summit of the MOHAWK TRAIL, the shadows from fluffy clouds play across an autumn vista spectacularly rich in color. During the French-Indian wars (1750s) Canadian Mohawk warriors travelled a path closely aligned with the road today. It is after these North American natives that the trail was named.

NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS
in the Berkshires

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Had a fast day at the NYstate library, now in New Ashford looking for the Roote farm. Visited a couple of court houses yesterday & more today. Copied some nice old maps. Tomorrow I head for Columbia Co and Root county. The fall color here is wonderful

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May 3, 1993

Dear Helen,

I'd been thinking of writing to you and today your letter arrived so here I go, although there isn't much new. About all I seem to do is cut and spray weeds and poison gophers, what a year! I still haven't made it down to Los Angeles to visit relatives.

Donna Logan, who is planning on putting out the classy Crippen newsletter, signed me up for a trial month on Prodigy. Wow, that is an active service. I offered to answer queries on Root and Foote and received 30-40 responses! None of them were very knowledgeable though. Too many people claiming years of research, being surprised to find that there is a family history published 120 years ago! Unbelievable. So that was fun, but I don't have to time to keep up with three services so I dropped Prodigy last week. Actually, Prodigy is raising their prices and many people are moving to GEnie. It is really sad, many of the Prodigy users being disabled and using the service to access the outside world. Now it will be much more expensive for them.

We had some luck on Compuserve though. Richard Root of San Diego came on and, after some exchanges, it turns out that he is a ggson of Edward M. Root. His father was Edward (or Irvin) Sanford, son of Sanford. Richard grew up in Cadillac! He is retiring fm the navy in July and is going back to Cadillac then. He is counting on going to the next reunion. But he has no photos and knows nothing. I guess that he isn't much of a lucky find, since he has nothing to offer unless he can dig up something back in Cadillac from his cousins!

I'm glad that you got to talk to Beryl. His statement that he knows someone who could print from the plates sound exactly like what he told me more than two years ago. I don't understand that guy. My great grandmother's surname was Rudiforth back in England and they continued to use that spelling off and on here. But they used Rutherford in this century.

Sounds like you certainly had some good news with your Walter line, I'd sure like to find a box of new photos. But I wonder how your father made out with his operation.

The Roots came from Northampton, the only county whose parish records have not been microfilmed. Last year I read the films of Isham Longden's abstracts of the records and didn't find many of the 17th century records reported in the Root family history for Badby. So I wrote to the Northhamptonshire Family History Assn to find out more. They answered a couple of days ago saying that they don't know anything about the abstracts! I can't hardly believe that this can be possible, but that is the response. So I guess that it will require hiring someone to check out the records or a trip to England. They also said that they know of no one researching Root.

Charlie

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July 15, 1993

Dear Helen,

I received your letter today and thought I'd better write at once in hopes to catch you before you send for Ervin Hewitt's records. I ordered them last week. The National Archives branch in San Ramon, near San Francisco, started to collect the CW pension films a couple of years ago. I checked for the uncles as the rolls came in (they were all donated by individuals and clubs), but the Hewitt film still hadn't arrived at my last visit there last year. Lately I've been going to the Sutro library, but I see that I'd better get back at those pension films.

It's been more than two months since I wrote to you last. This year has been just too busy, I'm really having trouble keeping up with things on the farm. I managed a visit last week to Los Angeles to see my sister, son and grand daughter, first time since Christmas. My sailing son is coming back next month to see us all. He will stay with his brother and do odd jobs around the house for him and look for a job. Bruce's wife's niece has been living with them for two years and next month a second niece will be there too while going to school. What a full house, five people and a pretty small house.

I can't say that there is anything new with our ancestors. I wish that our Grosse Pointe cousin could check the date on the sampler for Sally Sprague. That date is our only, only link to her history. Roberta Bostwick found some 1932 letters in some of her mother's old dishes written by some guy in Chicago who was researching her Sawyer line. He mentions a Mrs Tubbs in Steuben Co who was working on the family. I'm trying to find something on her and the guy in Chicago. The only way we'll ever get more on Eunice is probably by a long shot like Mrs Tubbs, whose great aunt perhaps was Nicholas Root Jr's daughter-in-law.

I hope you make it to the reunion. Maybe someone will have some photos for a change?? What happened to Jerry? I thought that he was going to be a source. You'll enjoy the Berkshires and seeing the Root graves in Mahaiwe cemetery in Great Barrington. But, perhaps you've already done that. One thing that needs doing is to copy all the gravestone inscriptions around Abigail (Olds) Root. She is buried in Bow Wow Cem, south east of South Egremont, in the midst of other Olds graves. I forgot to do this when I was there and, so far, I haven't been able to determine her parents for sure. I correspond with a couple of Olds researchers. The Columbia Co Historical Society library in Kinderhook is said to be great, a good place to look for that Root-Sprague marriage perhaps, or for some mention of Nicholas, any mention of Nicholas!!

I can't think of anything else new, so I'd better get this ready to mail.

Charlie

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Sept. 21, 1993

Dear Helen,

I'm falling behind again. But not much has happened to write about. Just working around the place and doing genealogy when I can. I've been having fun going through the stack of Root material that you sent me months ago. I'm still not done. You certainly collected a lot of Root items and I like your system of different colors for different sources. I'm glad to get the Rev War pension applications too. I never received a reunion invitation, I guess they've given up on me. But, after hearing your report, I'm not likely to ever attend.

Most of my time lately has been devoted to reading German parish records for Mecklenburg where I finally found the birth of my last great grandmother, the last one to elude me. I expect to find my gr grandfather there too, a Walters, but so far no luck, although several Wolters families lived there. It is a real challenge to read that old German, a challenge to even guess at it sometimes. This parish is a few miles west of Neubrandenburg and it seems that several Ottawa Co families came from there. I found her father's death record and it says place of birth & parents names unknown! Isn't that a bummer. It seems that the family moved around a lot in the area and I guess even earlier moved in from somewhere else, so their marriage record is not in that parish.

The first batch of almonds was harvested last week, so most of the work is over for now. I'm trying to rest up and catch up with correspondence and everything else. If I get organized in time, I'll probably go to Albany again. I want to read all the DAR records for Foote at the State Library, visit Saratoga Co again, check out the library at Kinderhook, go to Chenango Co again to tour the old Root farm, and maybe research some in Cayuga Co where lots of Footes lived. I guess that you didn't go to Kinderhook, since you don't mention it. When you were at the Hancock Quaker village you were at the south end of the town of Hancock where Eunice Crippen's probable parents and siblings lived in the 1760s. Their farm was up farther north than the quaker farm.

Have you received the Hewitt pension application? I found that I forgot to fill in my address at the bottom of the request, so I may not ever get a reply. But, I've made the same mistake before and did get the order. I guess they got my address from the envelope. Another order I sent in at the same time came a couple of weeks ago.

I've been noticing your different styles of addressing envelopes. I like best the bold font you used in August. Do you use a macro built into the word processor? I've tried that off and on with WordPerfect and my HP printer, but I lose too many envelopes because they don't feed in straight. Probably my fault in not loading them right. The macro says that I don't have enough room to put the bar code under the address. I think that once you had the bar code over the address too, and I suppose that must be legal. I usually forget to try the system at all. Leo Bevis is the Quigg with the nudist camp. Isn't it the pits that Howard Claucherty, I think that was the one, won't share his boxes of family items? I guess that I should write him more often. But it is hard to act friendly with someone who seems to be such an oaf.

Charlie

Send pension

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Cem. Inscripts in Gr. Bar. MA
CT. Hoags

Mahaiwe Cemetery.

SOPER:

Charles G., son of John H. and Caroline Gibson Soper, 1855-1890.
Francis, son of John H. and Caroline Gibson Soper, 1851-1855.
John H., 1815-1901.

SOUDANT:

Elizabeth, wife of Joseph, born 2 December 1823, died 3 July 1872. (BC 24 July 1872.)
Joseph, born 16 October 1820, died 9 November 1896. (BC 12 November 1896.)

SOUTHWORTH:

Caroline Yale, daughter of Constant and Julia M., died 11 August 1854, aged 19. (BC 17 August 1854.) *
Constant, died 14 November 1876, aged 74 years, 2 months. (BC 15 November 1876.)
Julia M., wife of Constant, died 1 May 1892, aged 84. (BC 5 May 1892.)
Sarah J., died 6 July 1857, aged 30.

SOUZA:

Edwin E., 1910-1970.

SPARKMAN:

Frederic William, born 18 October 1873, died 20 June 1927. (BC 23 June 1927: died Summit, NJ aged 54. Born New York City, son of James T. and Nellie Fulton Sparkman.)
Grace Searle, wife of Frederic William Sparkman, born 5 May 1875, died 10 June 1968.

SPENCER:

Almira, wife of Henry, died 25 December 1874, aged 68 years. (BC 30 December 1874.)

SPRAGUE:

Barnabas, died 16 July 1828, in his 74th year. (GB Hist.: son of Captain Silas Sprague.) *
Laura, died 9 April 1832, aged 49 years.
Lydia, daughter of Barnabas, died 13 August 1848, aged 84 years. *
Lydia Alice, daughter of Barnabas and Lydia, died 16 August 1825, in her 21st year.
Margaret Elvira, daughter of Silas and Mary Ann, died 21 September 1832, aged 8 months. *
Mary Cornelia, daughter of Silas, died 8 July 1837, aged 2 years, 10 months. (BC 13 July 1837.) *
Sally Ann, wife of Silas, died 27 April 1837, in her 38th year.
Sarah Ann, wife of Silas, born 1 March 1791, died 16 December 1875. (BC 22 December 1875.)
Silas, died 9 October 1865, aged 71 years. (BC 12 October 1865.) (GB Hist.: son of Barnabas.)
Silas, died Alford, MA, 15 January 1879, aged 45 years.
Thomas, born 11 June 1785, died 23 November 1858. Difficult to read. (BC 25 November 1858.) (GB Hist.: son of Barnabas.)
William H., no dates. (BC 19 September 1850: died Great Barrington 14 September 1850, aged 48.)

STANLEY:

Augusta L., 1899-1969.
Clara Wadhams, wife of George Stanley, born 30 October 1795, died 7 April 1874. (BC 8 April 1874.)

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& Buffalo. -

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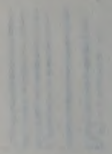

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the protection he would need." From thousands of press notices, many of them of a much stronger character than the subjoined, the following is selected: In his annual report the secretary of the National Anti-Vaccination League said in part: "In Connecticut our greatest victory has been won in the city of Bridgeport, due to the untiring efforts of our friend, Major Thomas Boudren. Despite the opposition of the Bridgeport Medical Society, consisting of one hundred and sixty physicians, who took a most determined stand in favor of vaccination, Major Boudren succeeded in sweeping compulsory vaccination out of the schools of Bridgeport, and I tell you, ladies and gentlemen, that it is something worth while for one man to do—to a free city of one hundred thousand people."

Major Boudren married, in Bridgeport, April 24, 1854, Elizabeth North, born in Huddersfield, England, July 28, 1833, died at her home in Bridgeport, January 25, 1911, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Ellis) North, with whom she came to this country at the age of seven years. She was possessed of a beautiful and well-cultivated voice, and was a member of the choirs of a number of local churches. As a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, she sang in the choir of that institution for eight years, and was one of the founders of the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, of which she was a member at the time of her death. Her voice retained its freshness and beauty until after she had passed into old age, but in later years she never sang in public. Benevolent and kindly in her disposition, her charities were numerous, but unostentatious, and she was devoted to the home circle. She was a member of the staff of the children's ward of the Bridgeport Hospital, and of the Women's Relief Corps, this being an auxiliary of the Elias Howe, Jr., Post, No. 3, Grand Army of the Republic. Major and Mrs. Boudren had children: 1. Elizabeth North, born November 23, 1855, married Alvin A. Libby and has two daughters, Bessie and Helene. 2. Sarah Ellen, born March 11, 1860, residing at home.

SPRAGUE

The Sprague family is of ancient English origin. In "Prince's Chronology" we read as follows:

"Among those who arrived at Naumkeag are Ralph Sprague with his brothers who with three or four more were employed by Governor Endicot to explore and take possession of the country westward. They traveled through the woods to Charlestown, on a neck of land called Mishawum, between the Mystic and Charles Rivers, full of Indians called Aberginians, with whom they made peace." Hon. Edward Everett in his address commemorative of the bi-centennial of the arrival of Winthrop at Charlestown, said: "Ralph, William and Richard Sprague are the founders of the settlement in this place, and were persons of substance and enterprise, excellent citizens, generous benefactors and the head of a very large and respectable family of descendants."

Edward Sprague, father of the American pioneers, lived at Upway, Dorsetshire, England, where he died in 1614. He was a fuller by trade. Earlier in life he lived at Fordington, Dorsetshire. He married Christiana ———. His will was proved June 6, 1614, in the prerogative court at Canterbury. Copies of the will made at that time are still in possession of the family in America. Children: Ralph, mentioned below; Alice; Edward; Richard, came to New England, captain of the train band, left no children; Christopher; William, lived in Charlestown and Hingham, Massachusetts, held various offices of trust and has many descendants in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Ralph, son of Edward Sprague, was born in England, in Dorsetshire, and was about twenty-five years old when he came to this country. He was on what is thought to have been the first jury empanelled in this country, was lieutenant of the train band, was admitted freeman, May 1, 1631; was appointed by the general court constable of Watertown in 1630, and was deputy to the general court in 1635 and afterward. He removed to the part of Charlestown that was set off as Malden. He died September, 1650. The distribution of his estate was made February 6, 1650-51, to widow Joane, and children: John, Samuel, Mary and Phinehas. The widow married Edward Converse.

Ralph Sprague married Joane, daughter of Richard Warren, of Fordington, England, who left legacies to her and her children. She gave a power of attorney to John Holland, of Tickleton, England, to collect these bequests. She was a member of the Charlestown and later of the Malden church. Descendants of Ralph Sprague located at Lebanon, Connecticut.

Benjamin Sprague, of Lebanon, married (first), December 29, 1707, Mary Woodworth; (second) Abigail Tisdale, of Taunton; their children were born at Lebanon from 1709 to 1740. John Sprague, of Lebanon, married, February 22, 1711, Mary Babcock, and they had children there, born from 1711 to 1737. Ephraim Sprague, of Lebanon, married Deborah ——— and had children born from 1705 to 1725.

(I) Samuel Sprague, of this Lebanon family, and progenitor of the line here under con-

sideration, settled at Pittsfield, Massachusetts. He married Abigail ———. Children, born at Pittsfield: Ira, mentioned below; Samuel, February 21, 1795; Polly, April 10, 1797, died July 30, 1831; Sarah, June 11, 1799; Samuel, August 11, 1802. Widow Faith Sprague died at Dalton, Massachusetts, November 2, 1842, aged eighty-eight. She appears to belong to this family.

(II) Ira, son of Samuel Sprague, and descendant of Ralph Sprague, mentioned above, married, at Pittsfield, Thankful Bascom, born at Lebanon, 1783, died February 8, 1861. Children: George W., Dyer, Ira, Abigail, William, lived on the homestead at Pittsfield; Harriet Elizabeth, born February 7, 1819; Daniel, mentioned below; the sons were all well-to-do farmers.

(III) Daniel Bascom, son of Ira Sprague, was born in Dalton, Massachusetts, June 8, 1821, died September 25, 1875. He went to Illinois, where he bought a large tract of land and speculated in real estate successfully for a number of years, then sold out and returned east, locating at Pittsfield, Massachusetts, where he was a farmer and cattle and coal dealer. The business which he established is conducted now by the Lawtons, to whom his sons later sold it. He spent his last years on a farm in retirement from active business. In religion he was a Methodist; in politics an Independent or Democrat. He married (first), June 14, 1842, at Albany, New York, Harriet Robins, of Pittsfield. They had one child, Andrew J., who is in business in Meriden, Connecticut, formerly in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, married and had son Robert. Married (second), August 9, 1846, Hannah C. Fowler, of Kinderhook, New York. She died at Little Falls, New York, in 1907, aged eighty-one, and is buried in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Children, by second wife: 1. Martin, born August 17, 1848, at Pittsfield, lives there on South Main street; is engaged in the ice business. 2. Arthur Jeremiah, mentioned below. 3. Georgianna, born April 7, 1854, married Fred Girvan, of Little Falls, New York; she died in March, 1907. 4. Charles, died at Pittsfield, aged twenty-nine years, married and had two children, May F. and Bessie. 5. Earl, died young.

(IV) Arthur Jeremiah, son of Daniel Sprague, was born March 22, 1851, at Pittsfield. He was educated in the common and private schools of his native town. He was employed in a manufacturing firm until he was twenty-five years old, and then engaged in the coal business with his father and brothers. Five years subsequently, in 1880, he established himself in the coal and ice business at Bridgeport, Connecticut, which he has since conducted successfully and it is now one of the largest of its kind in the city. His son is now in partnership with him. The firm has been very successful. Mr. Sprague is a member of the Seaside Club and of Pittsfield Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Council, Chapter, Commandery and Scottish Rite bodies of Bridgeport. In politics he is an independent. He married, at Pittsfield, Lucy Deming Butler, born February 25, 1851, at Pittsfield, daughter of James Butler (see Butler VII). Children: 1. James Butler, born at Pittsfield, May 27, 1875, died in 1888, aged thirteen, and is buried in the Pittsfield cemetery. 2. Earl Daniel, born April 6, 1878, at Pittsfield; educated in the Bridgeport public schools and Williamstown College; now in partnership with his father in the ice and coal business.

(The Butler Line).

The family of Butler is said to be of Irish origin, although there are in Cheshire and Yorkshire many ancient families of the name from which the Irish lines may have descended. In the peerage of Ireland the name is one of the oldest, the surname being derived from the Chief Butlership of that kingdom. Theobald Fritz Walter, who derived his pedigree from the Duke of Normandy, was created the Chief Butler of Ireland, in 1177, by Henry II, and was possessed of the baronies of Upper and Lower Ormande, as well as of numerous places. His son and heir, Theobald, was the first to assume the name of Butler, 1221.

(I) Deacon Richard Butler, immigrant ancestor, came to this country in 1633 from Braintree, county Essex, England. He became a freeman at Cambridge, Massachusetts, May 14, 1634, and a member of Rev. Thomas Hooker's church, at Hartford, Connecticut, 1642. With his brother, William, he was among the first settlers at Hartford. He received sixteen acres of land there in the first division. He was a deacon in the first church there; Juror, 1643-44-47-48; grand juror, 1660-62; selectman, 1649-54-58; deputy to the general court, 1656-60; appointed clerk of the general court, May 20, 1658. He lived in Hartford on the south side of Little river, and owned a house lot and other lands in Wethersfield. He was twice married, name of first wife unknown; married (second), before coming to Hartford, Elizabeth Bigelow. She died February 26, 1656-57. He died August 6, 1684. The inventory of his estate amounted to six hundred and fifty-four pounds, fifteen shillings. Children, born at Hartford: Thomas, about 1637; Samuel, about 1639, mentioned

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that body; member and past commander of Cyrene Commandery, No. 8, Knights Templar, of Middletown, and in 1910 is deputy grand commander of Knights Templar in Connecticut. He has taken all the degrees in Free Masonry, including the thirty-second. He is director and secretary of the Masonic Building Association. He is a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon, college fraternity, and of the Sons of the American Revolution, and trustee and secretary of the Kent Literary Club. In religion he is independent, but devotes much of his time to music, and for thirty-one years was organist of the First Congregational Church. Judge Pearne has won distinction in so many different fields of activity that his career presents some of the most remarkable features. The multitude of positions of trust and honor that he has filled with so much ability came to him as a tribute to his ability. He has been singularly useful as a citizen. He married, April 25, 1883, Harriette Cornelia Arnold, born April 30, 1853, daughter of Charles G. and Betsey (Smith) Arnold, of Middletown, descendant of the Penfield family of Portland, Connecticut, a member of Wadsworth Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. They have had one child, Dorothea Arnold, born May 16, 1887, died November 14, 1898.

SPRAGUE

Edward Sprague, of Upway, England, county of Dorset, was a fuller by trade, who died in England in 1614. By his wife Christiana there were children: Ralph, mentioned below, Alice, Edward, Richard, Christopher and William. The three sons, Ralph, Richard and William, arrived in Naumkeag (Salem), Massachusetts Colony, either in 1628, with Governor Endicott's party, or in the following year with a party of independent gentlemen. They were employed by Governor Endicott to make explorations, and were active in the settlement of Charlestown, and the making of a peace with the Indians between the Mystic and Charles rivers.

(II) Ralph Sprague, born in England, about 1603, was about twenty-five years old when he came to this country. He died about September, 1650, at Malden, Massachusetts, leaving a widow, Joan or Joanna, who married Edward Converse, of Woburn, September 9, 1662. On September 28, 1630, Ralph Sprague was one of a jury which seems to have been the first one impaneled in Massachusetts. He was a lieutenant in the train band. His children were: Jonathan, who died in Malden, 15 (6), 1650; John, mentioned below; Richard; Samuel, born about 1631, died October 3, 1696, aged 65 (married Sarah Hasse, Malden, January 5, 1669); and Mary, who married Daniel Edmonds.

(III) Captain John Sprague, son of Ralph, born in England, 1624, came to this country with his father. He settled finally at Malden, Massachusetts, and died there June 25, 1692, aged 68. He married, May 2, 1651, Lydia Goffe, who died (widow) December 11, 1715. Children, born at Malden: John, 9. (1), 1751-52, killed December 16, 1703, by falling tree, aged 51; 9-6; Lydia, married John Greenland; Jonathan, born August, 1656, died March 8, 1730, aged 75; Samuel, born 21 (12), 1658-59; Mary, born 13 (2), 1661; Edward, mentioned below: Phineas, born (12), 1665-66, died at Malden, August 29, 1736, aged 70; Deborah, born 21 (7), 1670; Sarah, born (12), 1672; and Hannah (?), married Samuel Stower.

(IV) Captain Edward Sprague, son of Captain John Sprague, born about 1663, died April 14, 1715, aged 52. He married, at Malden, November 24, 1693, Dorothy, daughter of John Lane. His widow administered his estate; she died March 29, 1727. Children, born at Malden: William, mentioned below; Anna, born March 20, 1696-97; Dorothy, September 9, 1698; Timothy, May 23, 1700; Ebenezer, November 6, 1701; Jemima, November 3, 1703; Lydia, August 26, 1705; Hezekiah, May 16, 1707 (?); Phoebe, November 17, 1709.

(V) William Sprague, son of Captain Edward Sprague, born at Malden, September 4, 1695, died there November 21, 1747, aged 52. He married there, January 1, 1717, Dorothy, daughter of Joseph Floyd, of Lynn, and Elizabeth. Children, born at Malden: Mary, December 25, 1718, married Thomas Waite; Edward, January 24, 1719-20; Joseph, October 26, 1722 (of Leicester, 1780); Nathan, October 24, 1724; John, September 29, 1728; Elizabeth, May 12, 1736; Dorothy, February 6, 1737-38; Jonathan, April 7, 1739; Israel, mentioned below.

(VI) Israel Sprague, son of William Sprague, was born at Malden, October 13, 1741. He removed from Malden with other Spragues to Leicester, Massachusetts, where, March 25, 1762, he married (first) Phebe Hasey, of Chelsea, Massachusetts, born February 5, 1741, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Upham) Hasey; she died at Athol, June 13, 1782. He settled at Athol in 1762 (the history of Charlestown states that he was of Athol in 1780), and lived there until about 1784, when he located at the adjacent town of Gerry, now Phillipston. He died at Phillipston, November 21, 1823, aged 82. He married

(second) at Templeton, October 16, 1783, Ruth (Larned) Fisk, widow of John Fisk, whom she had married at Templeton, July 3, 1777. She died at Athol, February 27, 1813, aged 57. In 1790 the only Israel Sprague in Massachusetts, according to the first federal census, was Israel of Gerry, and he had in his family two males over sixteen, one under that age, and four females, which corresponds with his then family. Children of first family, born at Athol: Dorothy, December 16, 1762, died at Athol, May 4, 1844, aged eighty-one years; Hasey Floyd, mentioned below; Esther, October 28, 1768. Children of second wife: Israel, September 21, 1784; died May 23, 1795; Ruth, baptized at Phillipston, June 22, 1789; child, born and died at Phillipston in 1790; William, died at Phillipston, May 7, 1827, aged thirty-six years. William's father deeded the farm at Phillipston to him, September 10, 1821, conditioned on his supporting himself (Israel) and Dorothy (daughter of Israel), as long as they lived. Israel and Phebe of Athol deeded land to John Lucas of Boston, May 2, 1768.

(VII) Hasey Floyd Sprague, son of Israel Sprague, was born at Athol, November 1, 1765, and baptized (Asa Flaud) November 3, 1765. He married at Athol, May 8, 1788, Mary Newhall (Newell), born June 28, 1768, died June 5, 1838, daughter of Hiram Newhall, of Leicester, and his first wife, Mary Seaver. Hiram Newhall was born February 21, 1738. Jonathan (5); Thomas (4); Thomas (3); Thomas (2); Thomas (1). Hiram died September 3, 1816. Mary Seaver was married January 21, 1762, and died February 5, 1769, aged 29. Between 1795 and 1798 Hasey Sprague moved to Stratton, Vermont, and acquired several parcels of land. His farm was known as Sprague Hill, and was situated at Stratton Gore, between Stratton and Somerset. He died in 1844, and was buried in Stratton Gore cemetery, as was his wife Mary. Children: Joshua, mentioned below; Seaver, born July 26, 1793, at Phillipston, died ———; Lucy, born November 5, 1795, at Athol, Massachusetts, married at Stratton, Vermont, Daniel Grant, November 15, 1818, died ———; Jerusha, born December 5, 1798, Stratton, Vermont, married Naham Pike, of Western Massachusetts, August 21, 1814, at Stratton; Israel, born November 12, 1801, Stratton, Vermont, died March 20, 1863, in Brattleboro Retreat, married Mary ———, and had two sons born at Stratton, Vermont: Edwin, November 16, 1827, and Israel Barnard Baldwin, November ———, 1836, and a daughter, Mary Ann Nancy, June 30, 1838 (?); wife Mary died on or about June 11, 1842, at Somerset, Vermont; Hiram, born September 7, 1806, Stratton, Vermont.

(VIII) Joshua Sprague, son of Hasey Floyd Sprague, was born at Phillipston, Massachusetts, January 31, 1791, and died at North Adams, Massachusetts, where he moved from Wardsboro, Vermont, about 1836, on November 10, 1862. He married at Wardsboro, Vermont, January 1, 1815 (intention dated December 11, 1814, at Phillipston, Mass.), Betsey Cummings, daughter of David Cummings (see Cummings). The Phillipston records call her of Wardsboro, Vermont, in the intention of marriage (p. 87, printed records). Betsey Cummings was born at Petersham, Massachusetts, October 30, 1793, and died at North Adams, Massachusetts, August 30, 1866. He went to Stratton with his father and family, and about 1829 went to Wardsboro, the next town, where he had a farm. In 1836 he deeded his farm to Marcus White, and moved with his family to North Adams, Massachusetts, where he was a builder.

Children, born at Stratton, Vermont: 1. Lucy E., April 7, 1816, married Henry Whitney, of Stratton, and had: Henry J., George, Charles, Martin, Seva, Ada and Mary, died at North Adams. 2. Martha L., born November 21, 1817, married Dr. Justin Smith, and had Williametta and others. 3. George Washington, March 11, 1820, died November 22, 1855, at Springfield, Massachusetts (killed by railroad train); children: George N., Mary and Egbert. 4. Almira J., born February 19, 1822, died at North Adams, married (second) William Hurd, and had several children. 5. Seaver Austin, born October 27, 1823, died in New York City, about 1893. 6. Augustin Newell, born August 22, 1826, probably died about 1891, at Atchison, Kansas; child, Birdie. 7. Elvira Betsey Ann, born April 23, 1828, married Samuel Parker, and died at North Adams. Born at Wardsboro, Vermont, near Stratton: 8. Lucena M., born February 3, 1830; died at North Adams. 9. David Cummings, mentioned below. 10. Joshua Martin, born September 23, 1835, married Helen Lyons, and had: Walter, Ralph J., Helen, Evelyn, Henry H. and Stella.

(IX) David Cummings Sprague, son of Joshua Sprague, was born July 3, 1833, at Wardsboro, Vermont. He was superintendent of a hat factory at Milford, Connecticut, and afterward lived in the west, where he went at the time of the death of his wife in 1865. Returning East, while in business in Rahway, New Jersey, he was instantly killed by a railroad train. He married, at New Haven, Connecticut, 1852, Frances Julia King.

who died suddenly in 1865, at Milford, Connecticut, daughter of Franklin King, born August 25, 1798, and Polly (Backus) King, born October 23, 1799, and married, September 12, 1822. Her father lived at Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts, and was foreman of a cotton mill. He had three brothers. Children of Franklin and Polly King: 1. Nancy Ann King, born November 29, 1823, married (first) John Edwards, of Goshen, died at New Haven, and (second) December 16, 1852, Cornelius Platt, and had: Cornelia, December 26, 1853, married (first) July 12, 1873, Hiram Gay, of Stoughton, Massachusetts, and (second) about 1886, Edgar Richards, of Vermont: Florence Platt, April 12, 1855, died August 1, 1855; Jennie Platt, December 25, 1857, married (first) Thomas Matthews, an Englishman, and (second) John Holtz. 2. Phebe M., born April 4, 1827; died September 10, 1827. 3. Caroline A., born September 3, 1829, married Asa Weeks, a well-known spiritualist, and lived at Worthington Hills, and later at Onset Bay, Wareham, Massachusetts, where his wife died, leaving a son, John Weeks. 4. Frances Julia, married David Cummings Sprague, as stated above. 5. Laura, married Robert Cunningham, of New Haven, Connecticut. Children of David Cummings Sprague: 1. Seaver, died young. 2. Frank Julian, mentioned below. 3. Charles May, born at Milford, Connecticut, April 30, 1860.

(X) Frank Julian Sprague, son of David Cummings Sprague, was born at Milford, Connecticut, July 25, 1857. He received a high school education at North Adams, Massachusetts. In 1874 he won the competitive appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, and graduated in 1878 with high rank in engineering, physics, mathematics and architecture. He then took a special course in electrical work, and developed strong inventive faculties. In 1878 he was ordered to United States Ship "Richmond," bound for the Chinese Station, and was special correspondent of the *Boston Herald* during this cruise at the time of General Grant's visit to China and Japan. He returned home in 1880, and carried on electrical experiments at the Stevens Institute Shops and the Brooklyn Navy Yard. He was then ordered to duty on the training ship "Minnesota," where he made the first attempts to introduce the incandescent electric light into the naval service. Later he continued his experiments at the Torpedo Station at Newport. He was ordered to the U. S. S. "Lancaster," of the Mediterranean squadron, and subsequently assigned to duty at the Crystal Palace Exhibition at Sydenham, England. He was the only American on the jury, and the youngest member of it. Among his associates were Horace Darwin, Captain de Abney and Professors Frankland, W. Gryll Adams and Fleming Jenkin, all famous scientists. He was made secretary of his section, and organized and conducted experiments on dynamo machines, electric lights and gas engines. In his interest in his work he overstayed his leave, and was possibly saved from a court-martial by his report to the Navy Department, which was published by the Bureau of Intelligence and received high commendation.

Passing the examination for ensign, he obtained a year's leave and resigned to become assistant to Thomas A. Edison. He remained with him for a year, and during that time made important improvements in matters connected with electric light distribution. Meanwhile he became interested in the electric transmission of power, and at the end of a year resigned from Mr. Edison's employ, and with E. H. Johnson organized the Sprague Electric Railway and Motor Company and began the development of electric motors. In 1884 he exhibited a number of these at the Philadelphia Electrical Exhibition. His constant speed motors, the first of the kind, were endorsed by the parent Edison Electric Light Company for use by its licensed companies, and for the next four years there was an extraordinary advance in the application of stationary motors to industrial operations.

In 1885 he took up the Elevated Railway problem, and in December of that year presented a paper before the Society of Arts in Boston, setting forth advantages of electrical equipment of that road with motors under the cars. During 1886 he carried on experiments on private tracks on East 24th street, New York, and then on the 34th street branch of the Elevated Road, where was first exhibited the fundamental method of mounting geared motors which has come into universal use. About the same time he built motors for experimental operation of cars with storage batteries, in New York, Boston and Philadelphia; and also began the construction of a motor car for pulling a train of cars to be equipped with four 75 H. P. motors.

In May, 1887, he took contracts for the equipment of the Union Passenger Railway of St. Joseph, Missouri, and the Union Passenger Railway of Richmond, Virginia, the latter comprising eighty motors for forty cars, the complete overhead system, and a central station. This contract was finally carried out under extraordinary difficulties in spite of every prediction of failure. It was the first commercial electric road on a large scale, and

laid the foundation of the modern trolley development. On this road was tried practically every device except the carbon brush, which characterizes the modern system, and within six years five-sixths of the existing horse-car lines were converted into electrically operated systems.

About 1890 the Sprague Company was absorbed by the Edison General Electric Company, and Mr. Sprague remained for a time as consulting engineer. He then took up the development of electric elevators with Mr. Charles R. Pratt, organized the Sprague Electric Elevator Company, and developed the high-speed screw elevator, the automatic house elevator, and the two-motor drum elevator. Of the latter, forty-nine of large size were installed on the Central London Electric Railway in lieu of competing hydraulics. In the meantime, in 1893, in company with Doctors Louis Duncan and Cary Hutchinson, he designed one of the earliest large electric locomotives for the late Henry Villard.

Although he had been out of the railway business for a considerable period, Mr. Sprague had been for a number of years, and still was, keenly interested in the subject of rapid transit, but he was an opponent of elevated railroad extensions in New York and an urgent advocate of the underground system to have both express and local tracks, and to be equipped and operated electrically. As early as 1891 he had publicly offered to demonstrate the possibilities of electrical operation on a large scale at his expense. In 1897, ten years after the Richmond contract, he undertook another pioneer development, that of the multiple-unit system of train operation, which provided for equipping cars with motors and controllers of such capacity as individually needed, and then combining these cars into trains, irrespective of number, sequence or end relation, and with or without other non-motor cars, controlling them all from master controllers on any or all cars through the medium of a secondary train line. In 1896-97 he repeatedly but vainly offered to demonstrate the possibilities of the system at his own expense on the Manhattan elevated road. In the spring of 1897, being called in consultation on the South Side Elevated in Chicago, he proposed multiple-unit equipment, and shortly afterwards personally took the contract for carrying it out. This was the beginning of a system which has now become universal with electric train operation, such as on the underground, elevated, and other roads of like character, and in addition to the motor cars on the New York Central it is also applied to the operation of electric locomotives there and on the New York and New Haven and Pennsylvania railroads. The system was developed under the auspices of the Sprague Electric Company, a consolidation of the Sprague Electric Elevator and the Interior Conduit & Insulation Companies, and a few years later this company, after disposing of its elevator business to the Otis Elevator Company, was absorbed by the General Electric Company.

Shortly afterwards, Mr. Sprague was selected as a member of the Electric Traction Commission of the New York Central Railroad, and for four years was active in the inauguration of the electric system on that road, collaborating with its chairman, Vice-President W. J. Wilgus, in the development of the protected under-contact third rail. He has not only always been a strong believer in and an active pioneer and promoter of the electric railway, but has especially advocated high potentials for a number of years. His recommendations and work in behalf of direct current developments has brought about at least a doubling of the standards in early normal use for suburban and protected third rail work, and much higher possibilities for overhead supply for trunk lines.

He was awarded a medal at the Philadelphia Electrical Exhibition, the gold medal at the Paris Exposition in 1889, the Elliott Cresson Medal by the Franklin Institute in 1902, the Grand Prize by the St. Louis Purchase Exhibition in 1904, and the Edison Medal in 1911, for inventions and developments in electric motors and electric railways, and special achievements in the electric arts. He is past-president and member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the New York Electrical Society, member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the American Institute of Consulting Engineers, the English Institutions of Civil and Electrical Engineers and the United States Naval Institute, and also an associate member of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers. He is consulting engineer of the Sprague Electric, General Electric and the Otis Elevator companies, and was recently selected by the Southern Pacific Company to prepare, in collaboration with its officers, a report on the practicability of electrifying the Sierra Nevada mountain section of the Sacramento Division of that company, to increase its capacity, an operative problem generally admitted to be one of the most difficult in the railroad world.

He is a member of the University, Century, Engineers, New York Railroad, City Lunch and Sleepy Hollow Country Clubs. In poli-

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county. The origin of the name is not known, but it is thought by some to have been derived from a red clay found in many places along the banks of the river. The stream flows through the eastern part of the township, its general course being north, and empties into Lake Erie. La Chapelle creek, the only other water course in the township worthy of mention, rises in Townsend, and, entering Florence from Wakeman about a mile and a quarter east of the west town line, flows through the west part of the township, and finally into Lake Erie.

GAME.

For a number of years after the arrival of the first settler in Florence, deer, wolves, wild turkeys, and smaller game too numerous to specify, were found in great abundance. Bears, though not infrequently seen, were not so numerous as in more marshy townships. The honor of killing the first bear naturally fell to Richard Brewer and Christopher Shaeffer, two of the best shots in the county. Shaeffer was out with his gun one evening, when a bear suddenly loped across his path a short distance in front of him. Just as he raised his rifle to fire, a little snow dropped from the branch of a small tree above him upon the barrel of his gun, obscuring the sight, and the bear got away. The next morning he obtained the assistance of Brewer, and with two good dogs they tracked the bear into Berlin, where they found him in a marsh. The bear ran to a log, which he had no sooner reached than Brewer fired, but only wounding, not killing, him. The report of the gun was the signal for the onset of the dogs. They seized the animal as he tried to escape, but were being badly worsted in the encounter, when Brewer grabbed the bear by the fur and plunged a hatchet into his head. He released the dogs, rose upon his hind legs, gave one piercing howl, and fell over on his back dead. The bear was an unusually large one, the flesh on his sides, it is said, measuring six inches. Shaeffer subsequently killed a bear in Florence, the only one ever killed in the township. He has probably killed more deer than any man in the county, often following them by day and by night. He killed by actual count one thousand deer, after which he kept no record. The last year that he hunted, and when deer were less numerous than formerly, he shot seventy. One method of his hunt at night was to fix up a torch of some kind which would attract the deer within range of his gun.

SETTLEMENT.

The first family that settled in the township was that of Ezra Sprague. Mr. Sprague was born in Alford, Berkshire county, Massachusetts, March 27, 1785, and emigrated to Ohio in 1807. The same year he married Harriet A. Griswold, of Windsor township, Ashtabula county, and resided in the vicinity of Grand River until the spring of 1809, when, with his wife and one child, he came to this township. He settled where his daughter, Laura, now lives on lot number thirty-eight in the fourth section, and resided on his original location until his death. He died January 6, 1856. Mr. Sprague was a man of strong traits of character. He was the first justice of the peace in the township, and afterwards held the position of associate judge of Common Pleas for fourteen years. In the early years of his official duties he rode to court on horseback with a blanket doubled up for a saddle and strips of basswood for stirrups.

Mrs. Sprague died January 23, 1853, aged seventy-one. They had a family of seven children, only two of whom are living, viz: Mrs. H. F. Merry at Sandusky City, and Laura Sprague in this township on the old homestead. The sons, Simon H. and Solomon G. Sprague, were well known residents of this township for many years. The former was the oldest of the family, and was born prior to their settlement in Florence. He died January 17, 1874. His widow still resides in the township. Solomon G. Sprague was born May 9, 1816, married Mary Collins December 15, 1857, and died January 27, 1876. His family still reside in Florence.

In July, 1809, Eli S. Barnum and his sister, Rachel, Rufus Judson and family, Charles Betts and Joseph Parsons, arrived from Danbury, Connecticut. Barnum located on the southwest corner of what is now called Florence Corners, and was the first settler at that place. He subsequently married Miss Root, then of Henrietta, sister of Mrs. Calvin Leonard. He was the proprietor's agent for the sale of the lands of this township, and was a justice of the peace and postmaster at Florence Corners for many years. He finally removed to Cleveland, where he died.

Rufus Judson, after a residence for a few years near Florence Corners, moved to the lake shore, as did also Judge Meeker, who, for a short time, lived in Florence. Charles Betts took up his abode in the south part of the township, where he lived alone for many years, being a bachelor. His brother, Isaac, finally came out, and occupied the house with him. One day, while Charles was sitting at the table, eating his meal, Isaac, impelled by a desire to secure his property, struck him upon the head with the sharp edge of a post ax, cutting through his skull, and killing him instantly. He then concealed the body under the barn, where it was, a short time after, discovered. The murderer was sent to the penitentiary, and died there.

Joseph Parsons settled a short distance west of Ezra Sprague, afterwards called Sprague's corners. He kept bachelor's hall there a number of years. His wife could not be induced to exchange the old home for a life in the woods of Florence, and she always remained in Connecticut. His son subsequently came out with his family, and occupied the house with his father a number of years, when they all removed to the lake shore.

In 1810, John Brooks, Sr., Joseph Sears and Jeremiah Wilson, and their families, were added.

Mr. Brooks located at Sprague's corners, on lot thirty-seven. He was a soldier in the Revolution, and was in several important engagements, amongst others those of White Plains and Monmouth, and was twice wounded. He died at the age of ninety-one. His son, John Brooks, Jr., married Adeline Squire, and settled a short distance south of Florence corners, on the east side of the road. They are both deceased, and the last of the family moved to Kansas a short time since. Joseph Brooks, another son, married a daughter of Eli S. Barnum, and settled across the road from his brother John.

In 1811, Town Clark with his widowed mother, with several younger children, and George Brooks, her son-in-law, and his family of wife and child, moved in from Onondaga county, New York. The Clark family bought and settled where Mrs. Solomon G. Sprague resides. Seven years after, Mrs. Clark married a Mr. Downing, and removed to Michigan. Mrs. John Hill, aged seventy-six, is the only member of the family now living in the township. George Brooks settled in the south part of the township. In 1836, he removed to Michigan, and afterwards started for California and died on the way.

These were the only inhabitants of the township until after the war. They were among the earliest settlers of the Fire-lands, and their situation was one of complete isolation, shut off by woods from neighbors in every direction. To obtain their grinding, they had to travel on foot through an unbroken forest to Newburgh, near Cleveland. Ezra Sprague, when making such a journey, on one occasion lost his way near where Elyria now is, and lay out in a storm all night. He had been sick with ague for some time previous, but, it is said, after the drenching he received that night he never suffered another shake.

Although the pioneers of Florence never suffered for provisions to the endangerment of life, yet they were compelled to live in the simplest manner. Grated or "jointed" corn, potatoes and milk constituted the only articles of food they had for weeks at a time. A wild onion grew abundantly on the river bottoms, and other wild but hardly edible vegetables were frequently gathered, and gave, at least, variety to the meal. All kinds of provisions were high during the early years of settlement of the township, and they could not be procured short of Huron or Sandusky. Pork sold for twenty dollars per barrel, flour for sixteen dollars, tea two dollars and fifty cents per pound, and salt ten dollars per barrel. Joab Squire once carried two hundred pounds of maple sugar to Sandusky, which he exchanged for two barrels of salt, the trip requiring three days. At another time he went to Huron and bought twenty-five pounds of bacon at twenty-five cents per pound, and lugged it home on his back.

There was scarcely any money in circulation, and exchanges were made principally in the products of the soil. The first specie currency which circulated among the settlers of Florence, was what was called "cut money." A silver dollar was cut into ten or twelve pieces and passed for shillings, a kind of inflation that was popular with all. The first paper money which the settlers were unfortunate enough to possess, was the notes of the Owl Creek bank, in the denominations of six and a fourth, twelve and a half, thirty-seven and a half, and fifty cents. The bank was of the wildcat description, and soon collapsed.

Perhaps the greatest hardship endured by the first settlers was in the matter of necessary clothing. Common factory cloth was worth fifty cents a yard, for which one bushel of wheat was usually exchanged. Home-made woolen cloth was four dollars per yard. Flax was raised, and summer clothing manufactured, but suitable material for winter wear was not so easily provided, sheep being difficult to raise in the new country. The masculine portion of the inhabitants depended almost entirely on buckskin for clothing material, and although it answered very well the purpose of wear and tear in the woods, it was anything but comfortable to the wearer. After a wetting and drying, the garments would be as stiff as if made of sheet-iron.

During the progress of the war the inhabitants lived in almost constant fear of Indian massacre. 1811, the settlers joined in the erection of a block house, just north of the present residence of Mrs. Solomon Sprague. It was used as a dwelling by Mrs. Clark and her family, but was the fortress to which the inhabitants fled for safety in the hour of danger. Whenever a report of the approach of Indians reached the settlement, the settlers would remove their families to the block-house, and they would all remain there for days at a time. On one occasion, while a man was going with his family to the fort, a circumstance occurred, which created the greatest excitement. A young man, with a gun, was sent some distance ahead of his family to keep a look-out for Indians. When within half a mile of the block-house, the report of a gun was heard, and the young man came running back with the intelligence that he had seen two Indians, one of whom shot at him, at the same time showing a bullet-hole in his coat. The alarm spread rapidly, and all the inhabitants collected at the block-house, and made every preparation they could for an attack which, they expected, would be made that night. The women and children were sent into the room above while the men with guns, pitch-forks and clubs, awaited below the expected assault. During the night the alarm was given by the occupants of the second story that Indians with fire-brands were approaching in the direction of a small building that stood near the house with the evident intent of setting it on fire, which would communicate it to the fortified building. Thus amidst the greatest excitement they spent the night, no one in the house showing any disposition to sleep, except the individual whose coat had been pierced with a bullet the evening before, which fact was regarded as significant, and no savages appeared. As the morning dawned, the fact

544. Thomas Andrews, father of Benjamin Andrews.

Statistics
Born: March 11, 1687, at Wallingford, Connecticut.
Died: April 15, 1756.

Educated: No record.

Lived at: Wallingford, Connecticut.

Owned Property at: Wallingford, Connecticut.

Married: Felix Lewis, at Wallingford; second to Elizabeth Curtis on March 20, 1749.

Children:

1. Benjamin Andrews, born November 26, 1714 at Wallingford.
HE IS THE ONLY CHILD REFERENCED.

Narrative:

Thomas married first, Felix, daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Merriam) Lewis. She was born October 25, 1693. Second he married Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel (Frederick) Curtis and widow of Benjamin Kellog. The second wife outlived Thomas, who died April 15, 1756. By Felix he had seven children, the oldest of whom was Benjamin.

SOURCES: Notes of Thomas Sprague II
Some Facts Concerning the Andrus Family
Families of Ancient New Haven

548. Nathaniel Cone, father of Jonathan Cone. Nathaniel was born in 1674 in Haddam, Connecticut. His wife was Sarah Hungerford, born in 1679 in New London, Connecticut, and died September 25, 1753, daughter of Thomas Hungerford and Mary Gray. They were married in East Haddam, and were members of the First Congregational Church there. Their children were:

1. James, born August 24, 1698, died April 4, 1774, married Grace Spencer (born November 29, 1702, daughter of John); second Elizabeth Warner.
2. Daniel, born May 9, 1701, died June 1756, married Mary Spencer (born August 4, 1716, daughter of John and Elizabeth).
3. Sarah, born February 11, 1703, died June 1770, married Daniel Gates.
4. Nathaniel, died young.
5. Esther, born April 27, 1705, died June 25, 1738; married Richard Andrews.
6. Lucy, born May 24, 1707, died January 20, 1776; married Samuel Barnes.
7. Mahitable, born May 10, 1710.
8. Nathaniel, born January 19, 1712, died April 15, 1790; married Mary Graves.
9. Jemina, born March 20, 1714; married June 23, 1738 to Samuel Andrews.
10. Jonathan (the Sprague ancestor), born January 11, 1716, died June 1, 1756; married Ann Chapman.

SOURCES: *Some Facts Concerning the Andrus Family*
Some Accounts of the Cone Family of America
Barbour Index
East Haddam Vital Records
Haddam Vital Records

560. Thomas Gilbert, father of Thomas Gilbert. The senior Thomas was born in

Springfield, Massachusetts, March 15, 1658/9; and died there May 14, 1698. He married first on August 4, 1680, Abilene Marshfield (the Sprague ancestor), born at Springfield April 2, 1664 and died there November 26, 1689, daughter of Samuel and Hester (Wright) Marshfield. He married second Anna Bancroft.

Thomas' first wife was a daughter of Samuel Marshfield, who married for his second wife Mrs. Catherine (Chapin) Gilbert, mother of this Thomas Gilbert.

Thomas and his brother Henry each had grants of thirty acres of land in 1679 in Enfield, Connecticut, which was then in Massachusetts, a part of Springfield.

His children were (by Abilene):
1. Thomas, (the Sprague ancestor), born November 3, 1681. Married first Martha Barnes; second Mercy (Gilbert) Barnes.
2. Samuel, born September 4, 1683.
3. Sarah, born September 11, 1685; died October 14, 1685.
4. A daughter, born and died September 12, 1685. (Possibly this was a twin to Sarah).
5. Jonathan, born November 4, 1686. Married Margery Searles.
6. John, born February 28, 1687/8. Died young.
7. Ebenezer, born January 4, 1691/2. (There is an error here, as Abilene died in 1689).

(by Anna)
8. John, born March 16, 1690/1. Married Patience Latting.
9. Margaret, born March 27, 1693. Probably married Joshua Root; second Benjamin Stebbins.
10. Sarah, born January 18, 1694.
11. Anna, born February 16, 1696/7. Married Joseph Segur.

SOURCE: *The Gilbert Family.*

564. Francis LeBaron, father of James LeBaron.

Statistics
Born: 1668 in France
Died: August 8, 1704 in Plymouth, Massachusetts

Educated: No record, but he was a physician.

Lived at: Plymouth, Massachusetts

Owned Property at: Plymouth, Massachusetts

Married: September 6, 1695 to Mary Wilder, daughter of Edward Wilder and Elizabeth Eames, of Hingham, Massachusetts. She was born April 7, 1668 and died September 25, 1737. His widow married again on December 10, 1707, Return Waite, born in 1678 in Boston and died October 3, 1751 in Plymouth.

Children:

1. James (the Sprague ancestor), born May 23, 1696.
2. Lazarus, born December 26, 1698.
3. Francis, born June 13, 1701.

Narrative:

The following is from *The Descendants of Francis LeBaron of Plymouth, Mass.*

Erie Co. OH

Milan Township

A = Milan

B = North Milan Hill

C = Ft. Avery

D = Quaker - Sweet

E = St. Anthony's

F = Scott

G = St. John's ("Union Corners")

Milan Township

A- Milan
B- North Milan Hill
C- Ft. Avery
D- Quaker - Sweet
E - St. Anthony's
F - Scott
G - St. John's (Union Cemetery)

SMITH, PARTHENIA
b.
d. 1823
yrs.

SMITH, REED
b. 1880
d. 1904

SMITH, RILEY
b. Nov. 14, 1823
d. Dec. 19, 1903

SMITH, SETH
b.
d. Aug. 3, 1845
yrs.

SMITH, SIDNEY LEE
b. 1895
d. 1895
s/o U. S. & Clara Smith

SOHL, ANNA M.
b. Nov. 12, 1865
d. March 10, 1889

SPEARS, ABIGAIL A.
b.
d. Aug. 25, 1841
yrs. 10 m. 3 d.
w/o Wm. M. Spears

SPEARS, LOVE
b.
d. Feb. 1842
yrs.
w/o Wm. Spears

SPEARS, LOVE (WALKINS)
b.
d. Feb. 7, 1841
yrs.
w/o Wm. Spears

SPEARS, WILLIAM
b.
d. April 3, 1847
yrs.

SPRAGUE, ANN (BENNETT)
b. 1831
d. 1884

SPRAGUE, GEORGE S.
b. 1828
d. 1879

SPRAGUE, HOWARD F.
b. 1871
d. 1899

SPRAGUE, INFANT SON
b.
d. July 1852
3 weeks, 3 days
s/o J. W. & J. T. Sprague

SPRAGUE, JOHN
b. Feb. 3, 1823
d. Jan. 22, 1885
s/o Jonathan S. & Mahala Sprague

SPRAGUE, JONATHAN S.
b. Jan. 23, 1796
in Long Point, Canada
d. Jan. 16, 1861
65 yrs.
s/o Jonathan & Elizabeth Sprague
h/o Mahala

SPRAGUE, JULIA
b.
d. Sept. 12, 1866
9 m. 29 d.
d/o J. T. Sprague

SPRAGUE, MAHALA
b.
in New York
d. April 5, 1872
70 yrs. 5 m. 21 d.
w/o Jonathan S. Sprague

SPRAGUE, MARY
b.
d. Aug. 29, 1853
3 yrs. 10 m. 10 d.
d/o J. W. & J. T. Sprague

SPRAGUE, SARAH E.
b. 1840
d. 1879

SPRAGUE, STEWART
b. 1827
d. 1882

SPROWL, CARRIE (DURKEE)
b. Sept. 14, 1867
d. May 19, 1889
w/o Thomas E. Sprowl

SQUIER, JOHN F.
b. 1821
d. 1897

SQUIER, MARIA L.
b. 1831
d. 1905
w/o John F. Squier

STAPLETON, DELIA (VanBENSCOTEN) ATKINS ELLS
b.
d. Jan. 23, 1899
83 yrs. 10 m. 10 d.
w/o Joseph Stapleton

STAPLETON, JOSEPH
b.
d. Nov. 27, 1874
58 yrs.

STARR, DEBORAH M. (WILKENSON)
b. 1828
d. 1894
w/o John M. Starr

ROOT, CARLTON P.
b.
d. March 18, 1872
15 yrs. 5 m. 13 d.
s/o P. & C. Root

ROOT, CELIA (HARDY)
b. 1817 in Scott, N.Y.
d. March 7, 1880
w/o Perry Root

ROOT, DELIA
b.
d. Oct. 11, 1844
32 yrs.
w/o Jirah Root

ROOT, EDWIN
b.
d. July 6, 1840
1 yr.
s/o Jirah & Delia Root

ROOT, ELIZA (WARD)
b. 1806
d. 1893
w/o Jirah Root

ROOT, GEORGE WESLEY
b. April 13, 1853
d. Feb. 24, 1857
s/o Orrin & Phebe Root

ROOT, HELLEN
b.
d.
age 6

ROOT, HENRY
b.
d.
age 4

ROOT, HIRAM
b.
d. Aug. 17, 1868
68 yrs.

ROOT, JOHNY
b.
d.
age 2

ROOT, LUCY A.
b.
d. Sept. 27, 1861
19 yrs. 11 m. 27 d.
d/o P. & C. Root

ROOT, ORRIN
b. Dec. 10, 1824
d. Oct. 26, 1882

ROOT, PARTHENIA
b.
d. Nov. 9, 1887
81 yrs.
w/o Hiram Root

ROOT, PERRY
b. Oct. 31, 1813
in Hebron, Ct.
d. July 23, 1869

ROOT, PHEBE J.
b. Aug. 1, 1829
d. June 7, 1901
w/o Orrin Root

ROOT, RHODA
b.
d. Dec. 25, 1844
37 yrs.
w/o Jirah Root

ROOT, SAVERY P.
b.
d. May 16, 1850
10 m. 5 d.
s/o P. & C. Root

ROOT, WARD
b. 1847
d. 1884

ROSEKELLY, AUGUSTA
(EVERTSON)
b.
d. Dec. 23, 1879
22 yrs. 1 m.
1st w/o William
RoseKelly

ROSEKELLY, EDWARD
b.
d. March 5, 1880
65 yrs. 9 m.

ROSEKELLY, EDWARD JR.
b.
d. Jan. 19, 1887
42 yrs. 3 m. 15 d.
s/o Edw. & Mary G.
(Jeffery) RoseKelly

ROSEKELLY, ETTIE
(GOBLE)
"ESTHER ELIZABETH"
b. 1858
d. March 22, 1906
47 yrs.
w/o George RoseKelly
d/o Chauncy & Sarah
(Wharram) Goble

ROSEKELLY, GEORGE
b. 1856
d. Sept. 2, 1903
47 yrs.
s/o Edw. & Mary G.
(Jeffery) RoseKelly

ROSEKELLY, MARY G.
(JEFFERY)
b.
d. Dec. 9, 1897
80 yrs. 10 m.
w/o Edward RoseKelly

RUSSELL, ELIZABETH
b.
d. July 27, 1848
37 yrs 3 m.
w/o George L. Russell

RUSSELL, GEORGE L.
b.
d. Oct. 11, 1873
73 yrs.

SAGE, WILLIAM G.
b. Oct. 26, 1822
d. Jan. 20, 1898
s/o George & Lucy
(Davis) Sage

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Sprague Families in America by Warren Vincent Sprague, 1913
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Believed to have come to England fm Holland before 1600, name fm Dutch Spraak, meaning speech; looked at all Sally, Simon, Simeon, Calista; no Morgan

main family: FRANCIS SPRAGUE OF DUXBURY, MA

Lt James [33] of Union b 23 Aug 1739 Lebanon CT d --, m Mary THOMPSON (dau David (fm Ashford 1768) & Prudence HARRINGTON), in French and Indian War, 43 mo in RW
Sally b 11 Feb 1778 Union CT [no more on her]
Adolphus [62] b 26 Jun 1781 d Webster, NY, at ca 80yr, m Triphena __, res. once in Mohawk River Country; CH:
1. James [107] b 1811 d 11 Nov 1888 Rochester m Mary Ann DAVIS
2. Jonathan
3. Chauncey
4. Warren
5. Sally Ann

James 107: ch: 1. William b Pittsford Village near Rochester 6 Jun 1838 m1 Sarah Ann ROLL m2 Marian Amelia DUPREE wid/o Edward DAVIS; 2. Elihu m1 Mary Ann __ m2 Fannie GLADEL; 3. Addison m Sarah LOCKWOOD; 4. Lorenzo m1 Eliza CONRAD m2 Mrs Josephine MORGAN; 5. James; 6. Albert m1 __ m2 Sophronia LOCKWOOD; 7. Solomon m Sarah WINNES; 8. Julia m Philander DRAKE; 9. Lodema m Philip CONRAD; 10. Helen m Albert AIDES

33 s/o Perez [13] b 22 Jul 1705 Lebanon CT, m there 19 Jan 1726-7 to Tabitha BURT; he d 3 Apr 1758, res Andover CT in 1747, bought land in Union 12 Apr 1754, farm later called Sprague Orchard, d there; ch: 1. Tabitha b 18Jun 1728 m 19 Jun 1755 Samuel HENDRICK; 2. Charity b 8 May 1730 m 12 Jul 1754 Abner LOOMIS; 3. Abigail b 12 Oct 1731 d 12 Dec 1731; 4. Irene b 12 Dec 1732; 5. Perez b 29 Mar 1736 m 16 Dec 1782 Ezubah CARPENTER of Coventry, he d Coventry 28 Feb 1823; 6. James [33]; 7. Thomas [34] b 15 Aug 1741; 8. Calvin b 29 May 1744

148 Philetus SPRAGUE (not connected to above family) had dau Calista b 1822, moved 1836 to Leroy Twp near Battle Creek, MI, called Sprague Neighborhood

13 s/o Capt. Ephraim [6] b 15 Mar 1685 Duxbury MA d 1754 Lebanon CT m1 Deborah WOODWORTH dau Benjamin; m2 Mary __; Ch: 1. Perez 13; 2. Peleg [14] b 15 May 1707; 3. Deborah 2 Apr 1712; 4. Ephraim [15] 15 Mar 1709-0; 5. Betty b 28 Oct 1714 m Abel BINGHAM; 6. Irene 9 Feb 1717 m 12 Jan 1737-8 Nathaniel WRIGHT; 7. Mary 20 Dec 1721 d yng; 8. Mary 18 Mar 1725

6 s/o Lt John [3] b ca 1656 Duxbury MA d 16 Mar 1727-8 m1 Lydia __ d 18 Jul 1725 m2 21 Mar 1726-7 Lois ABEL, moved Lebanon CT 1703; ch: 1. Ephraim b 15 Mar 1684-5. 2. Benjamin 15 Jul 1686; 3. Sammuel; 4. John ca 1690; 5. Lydia m 19 Jul 1713 George WAY of Lebanon; 6. Irene m 9 Jul 1723 Aaron FISH; 7. Ruth b 5 Sep 1704 m 12 Nov 1724 Clodus DILLIS

3 s/o John [2] m 1655 Ruth BASSET, killed in Philips War in Pierce's fight at Pawtucket 26 Mar 1676, lived at one time in Marshfield; ch: 1. John [3]; 2. William [4]; 3. Ruth 12 Feb 1659-0 m 12 Aug 1680 Elizer SMITH of Dartmouth; 4. Eliza; 5. Desire ca 1665 m 24 Nov 1696 John GIFFORD of Sandwich, MA; 6. Samuel ca 1670; 7. Dorcas m 12 Jan 1710 Joseph HATCH of Falmouth

2 s/o Francis [1] of Duxbury, came to Plymouth on good ship Anne July 1623 m in England to Lydia __